

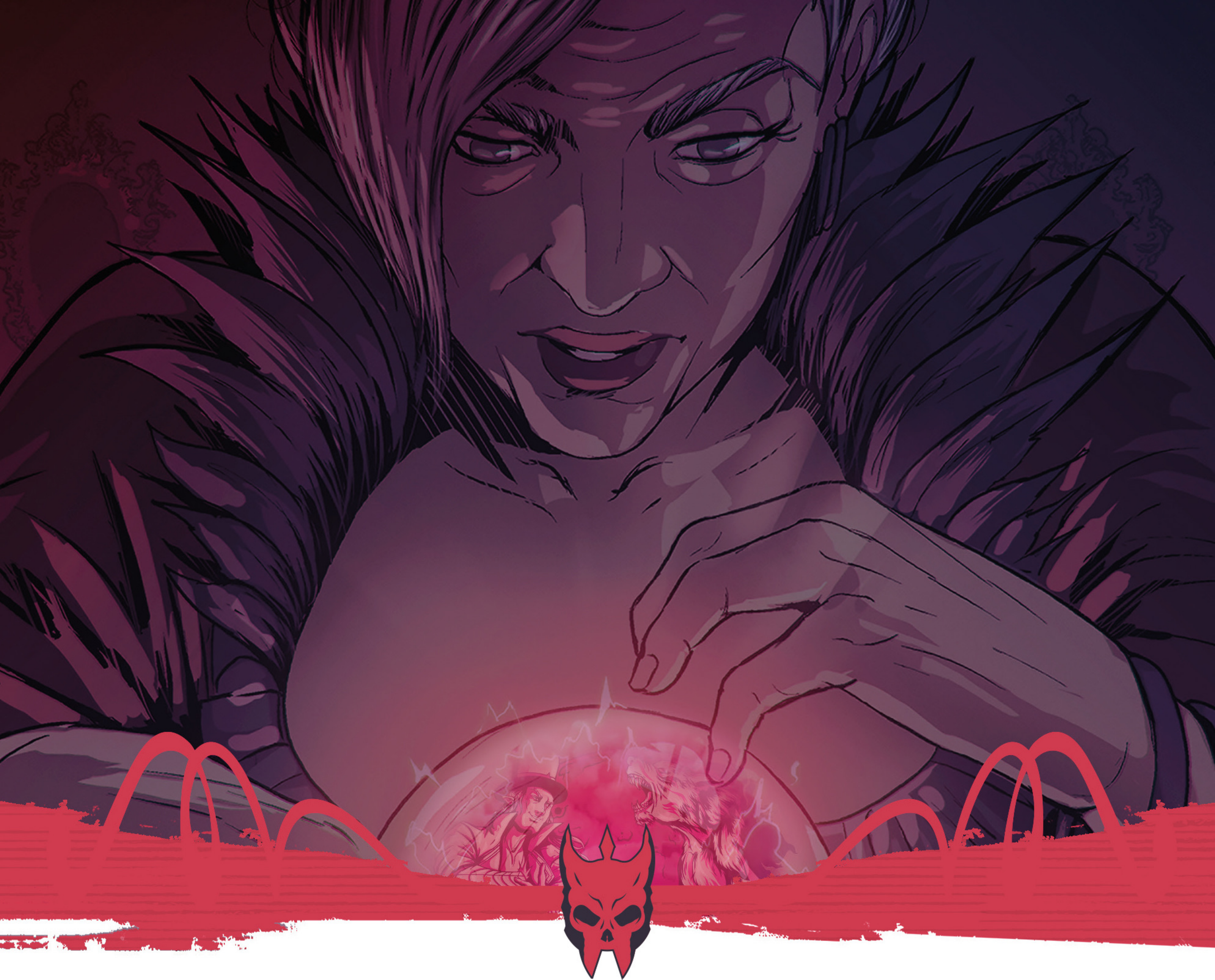


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UPSTATE NEW YORK. 1858.

LYCANTHROPY
IS A DISORDER
THAT ONLY LIVES
IN THE MIND...

FAIRFIELD PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY



...AND TO
THIS MAN,
HIS CONDITION
APPEARS TO
BE TRUE.

HE BELIEVES
THE FULL MOON
WILL TURN HIM
INTO A WERE-
WOLF.



I'VE ATTEMPTED TO
KILL SUCH DELUSIONS
USING SHOCK THERAPY,
WITH NO VISIBLE SIGNS
OF IMPROVEMENT.



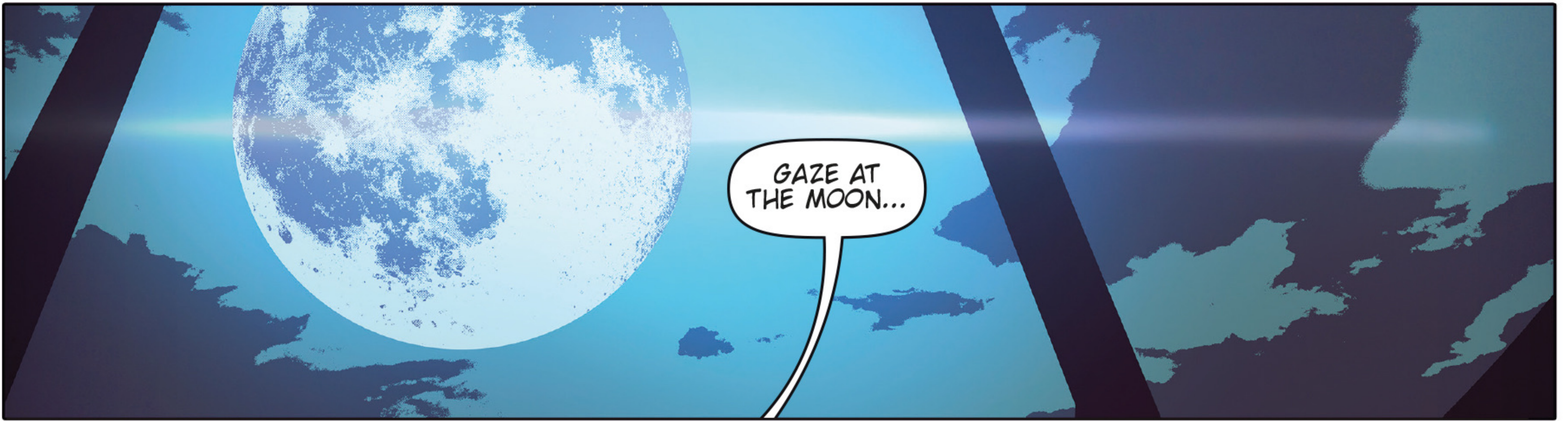
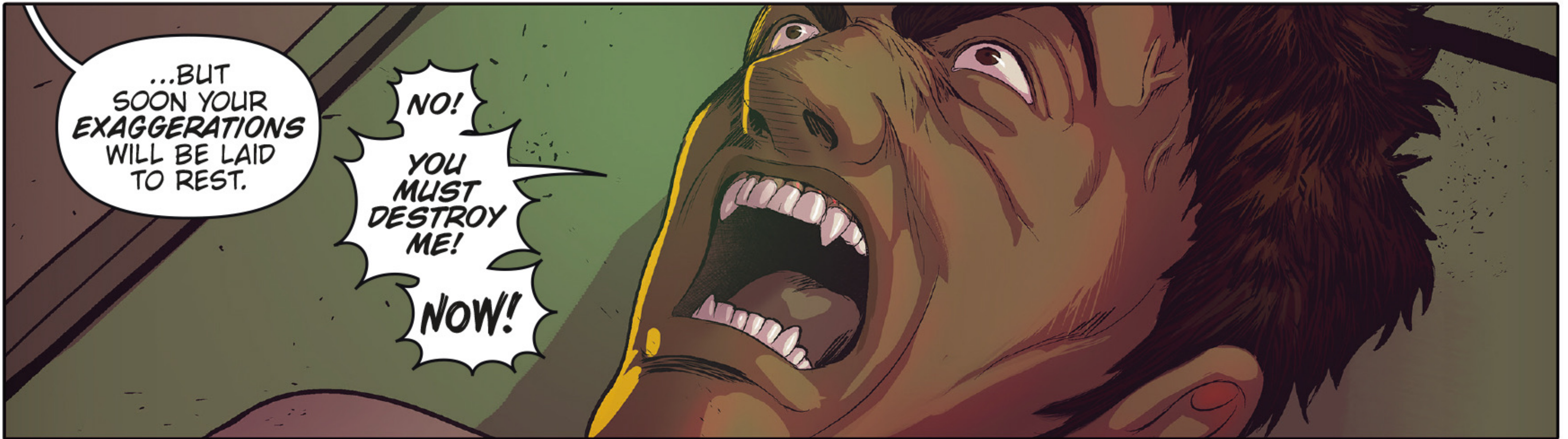
BUT I CAN
ASSURE YOU THAT THE
FULL MOON DOES **NOT**
AFFECT HIM...

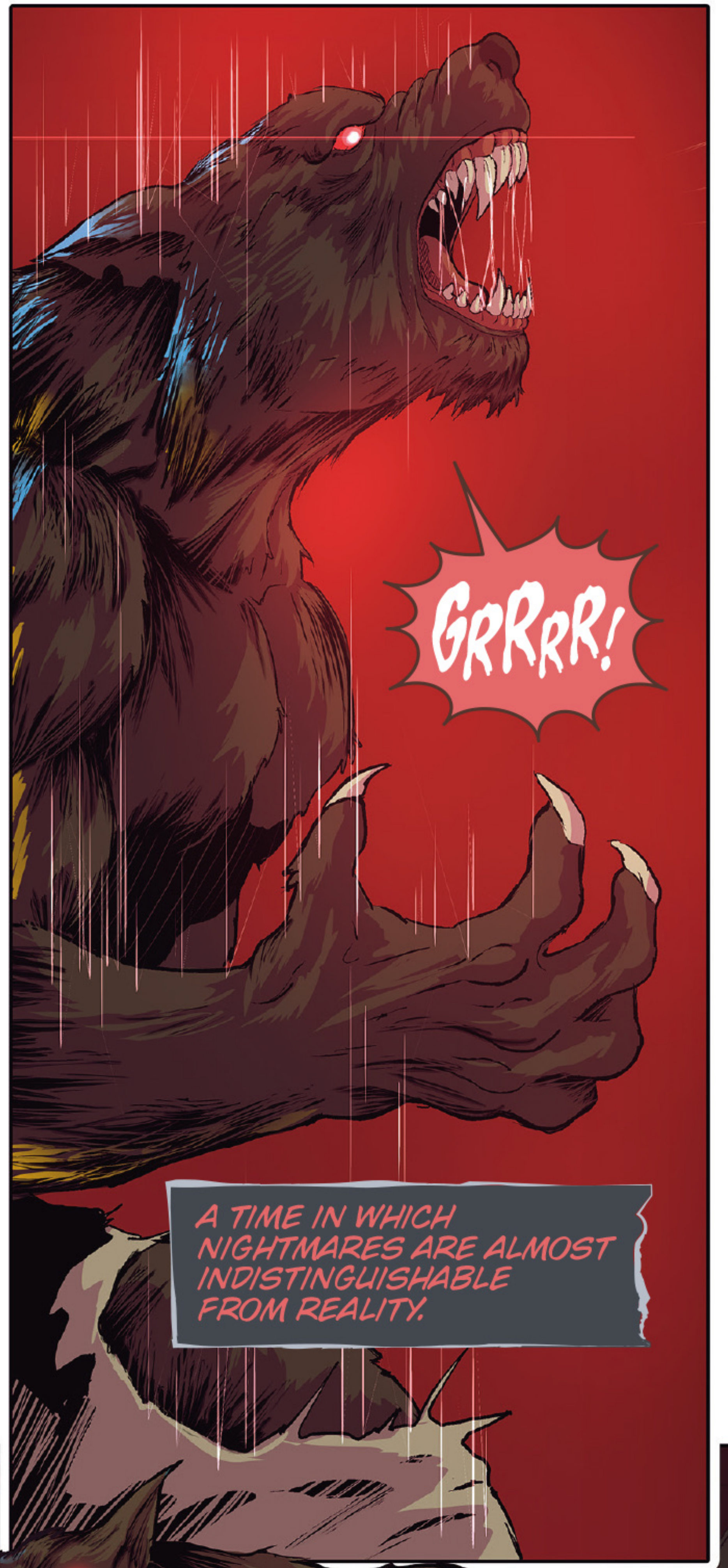
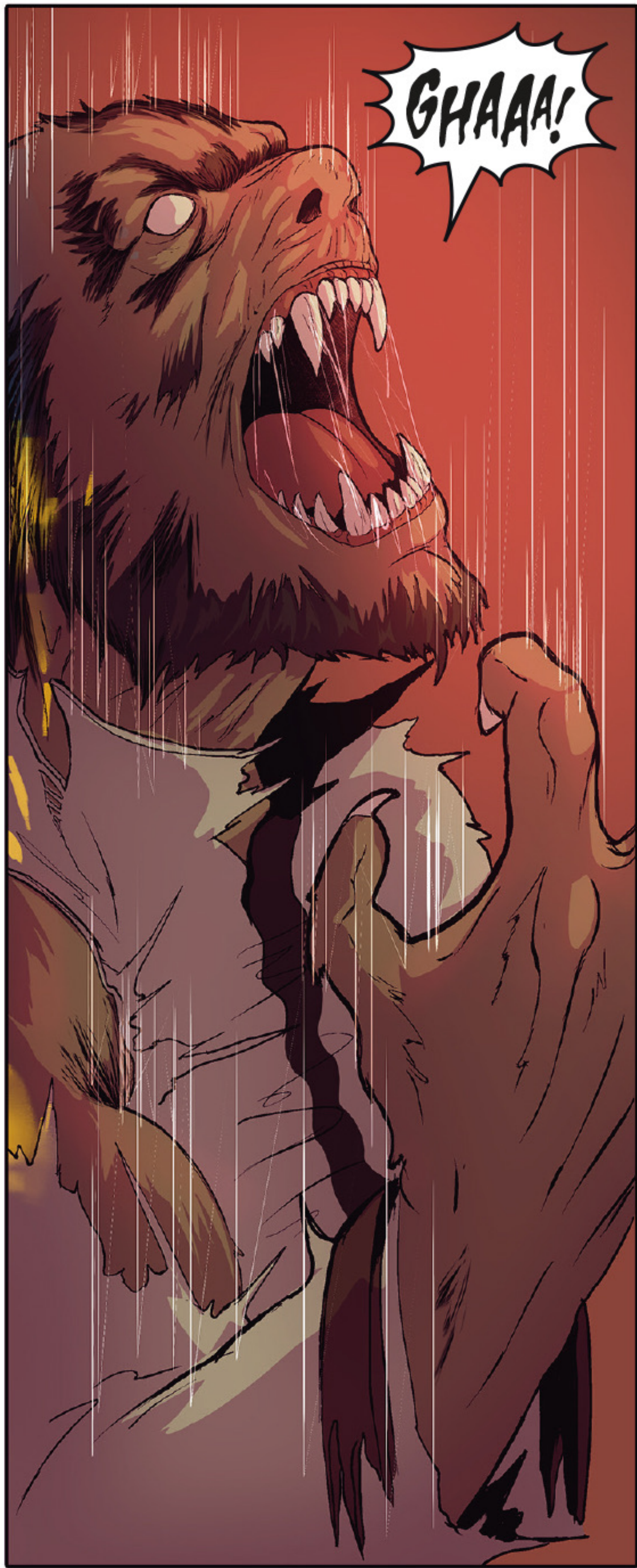
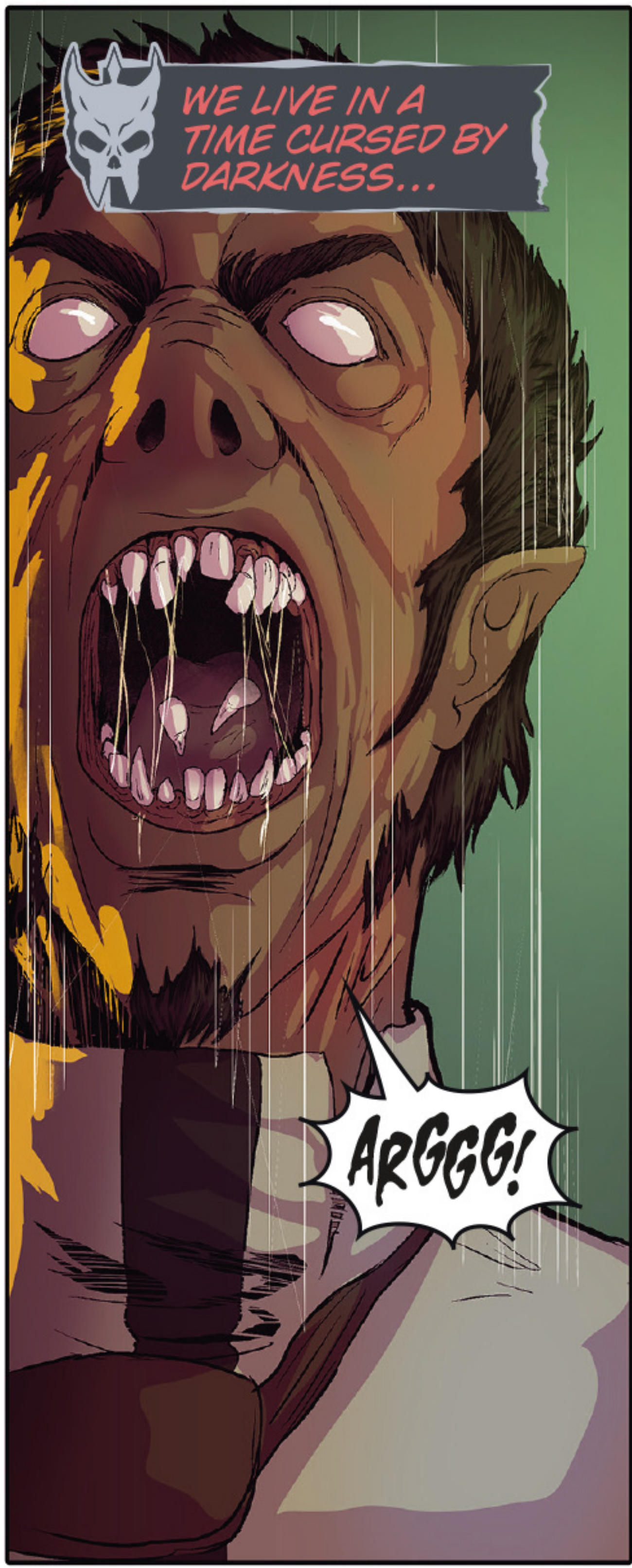
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...AND HE MUST
UNDERSTAND THIS
IN ORDER TO BEGIN
THE HEALING
PROCESS.

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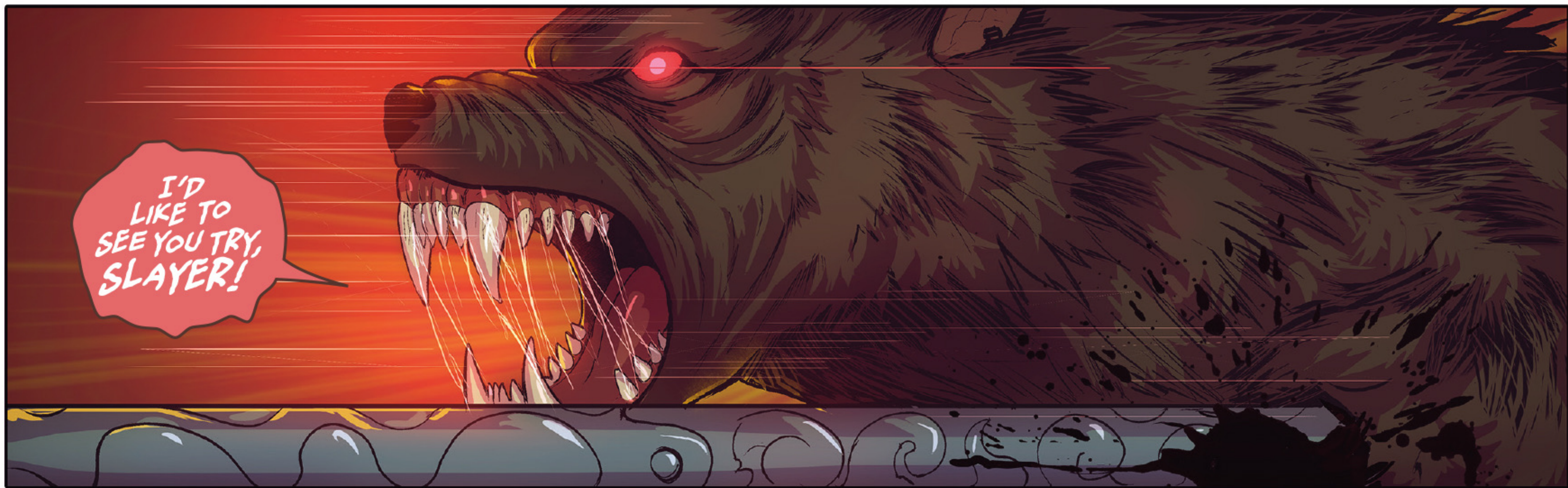


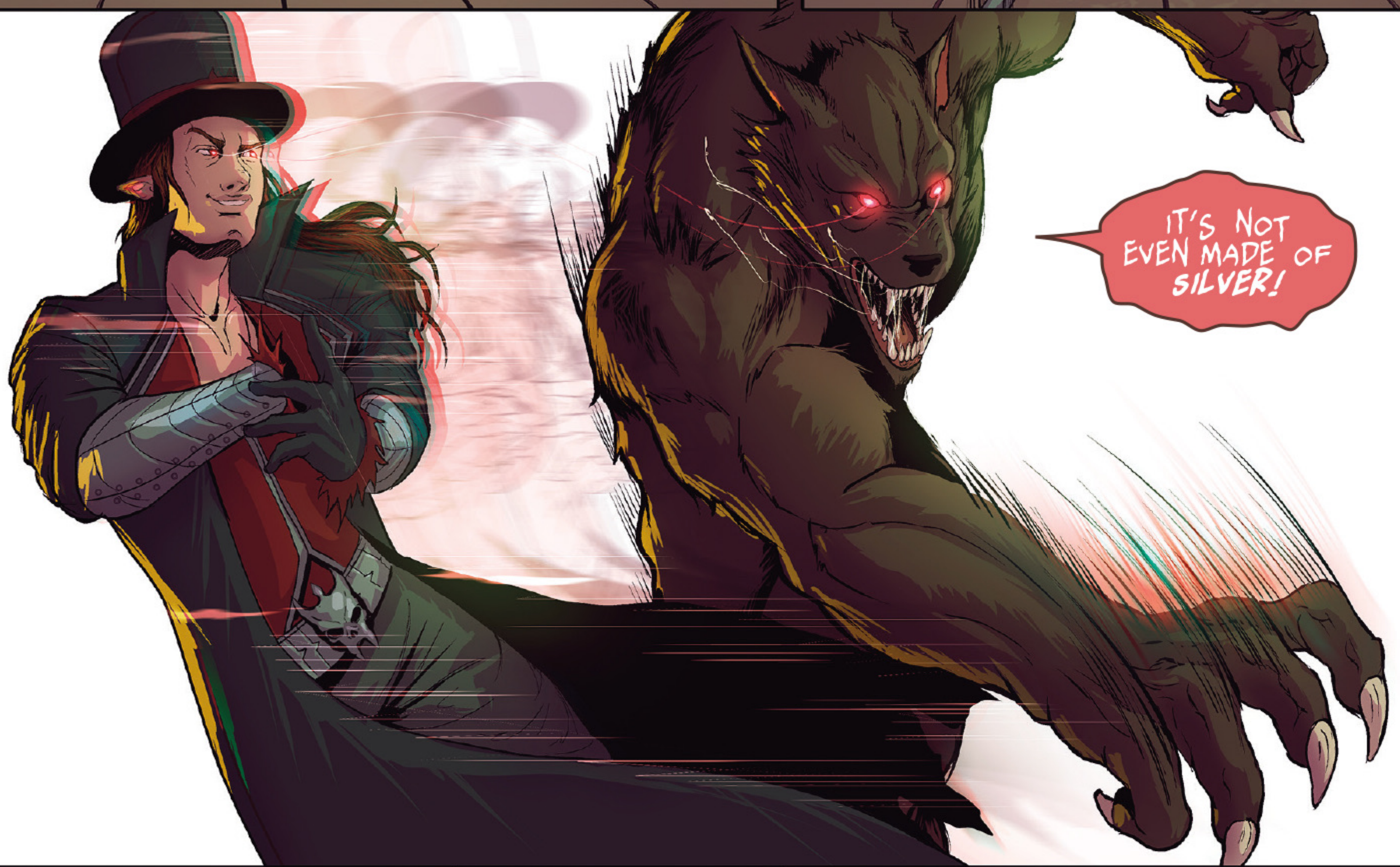
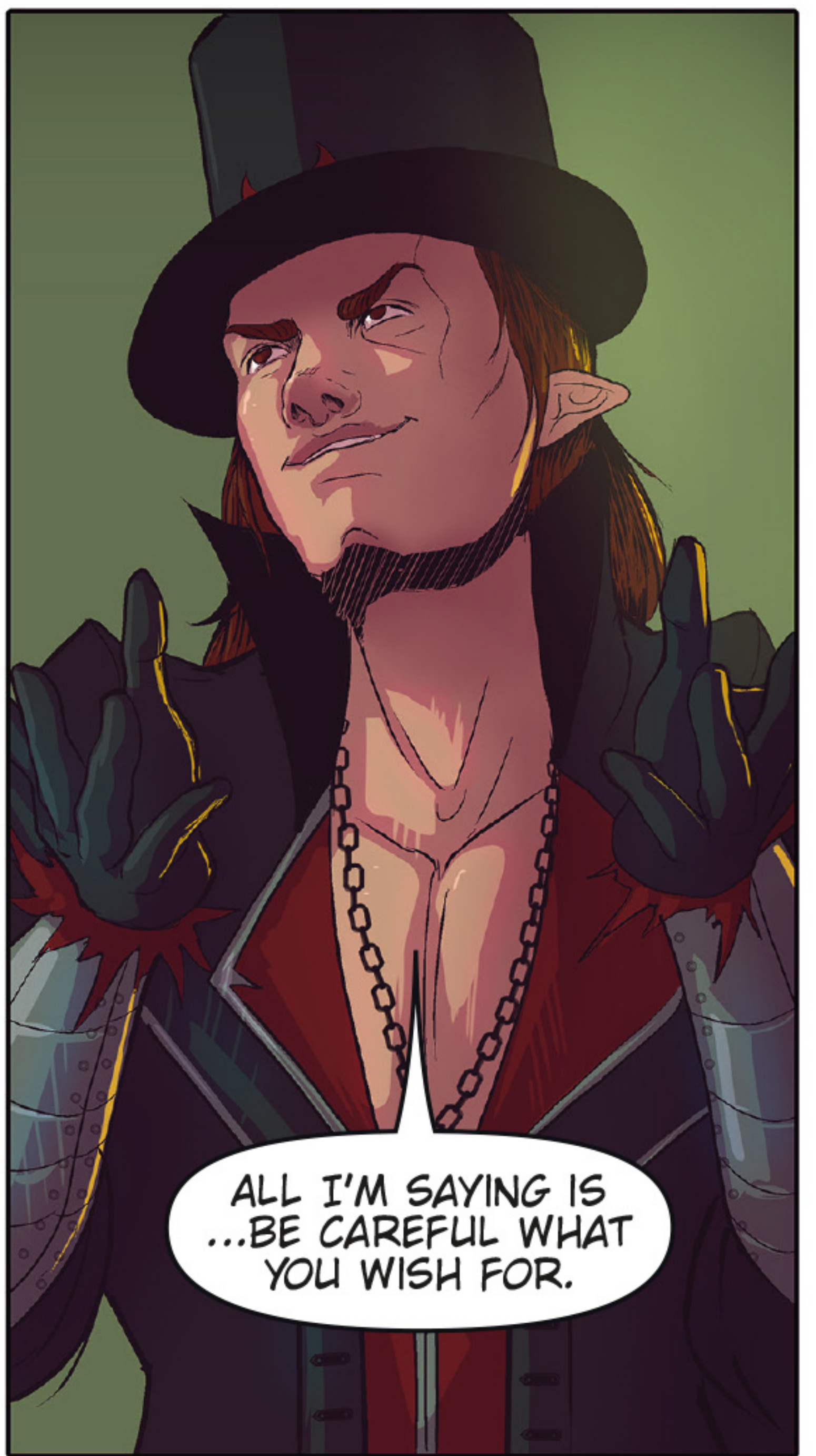


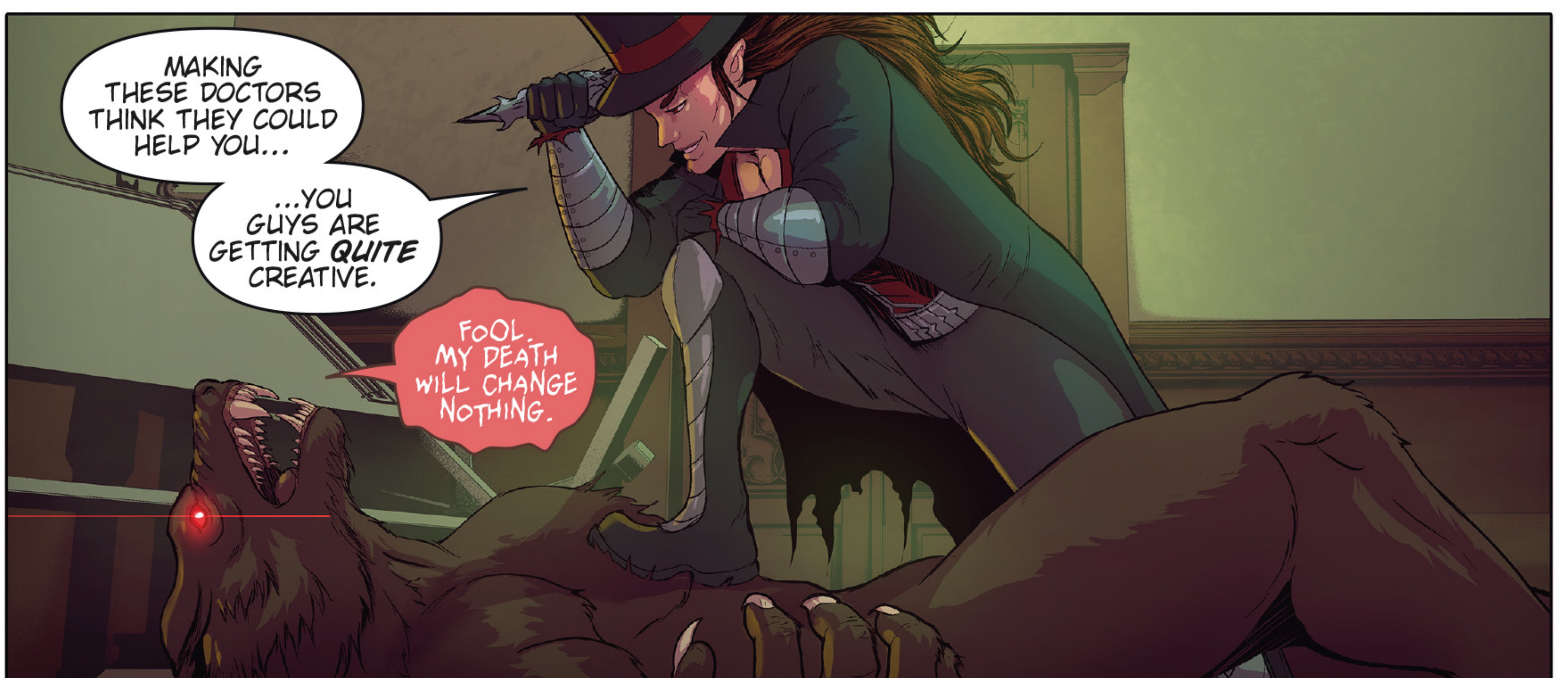
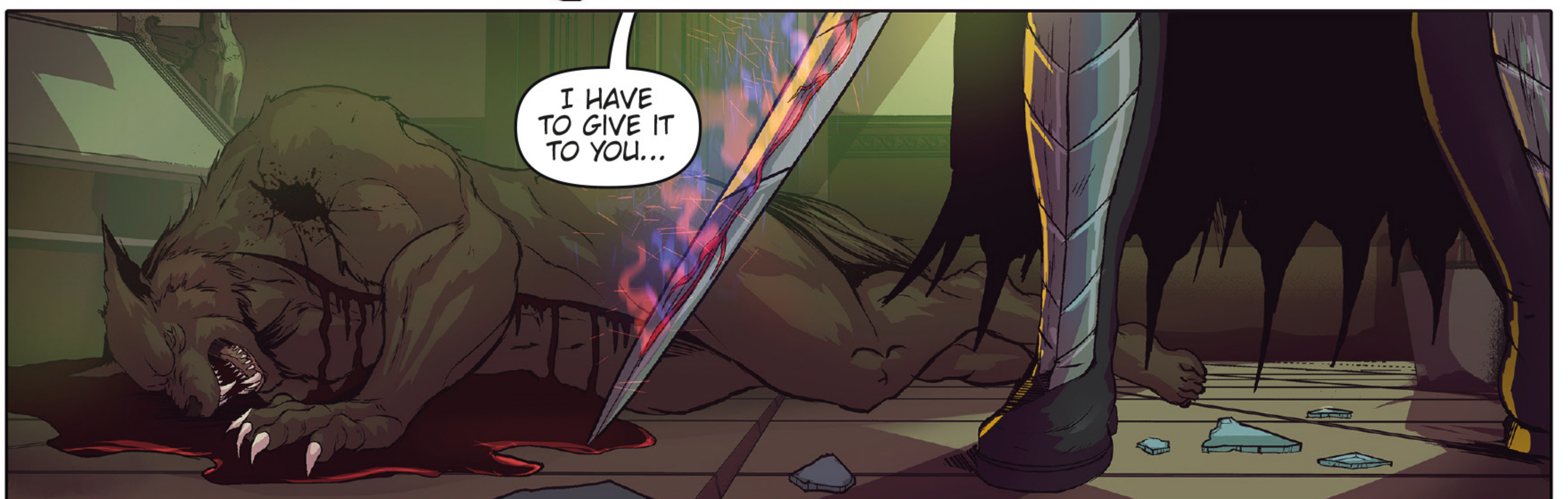
AND SO ARE THE
TRAVELERS WHO
HUNT THEM.

CRASH

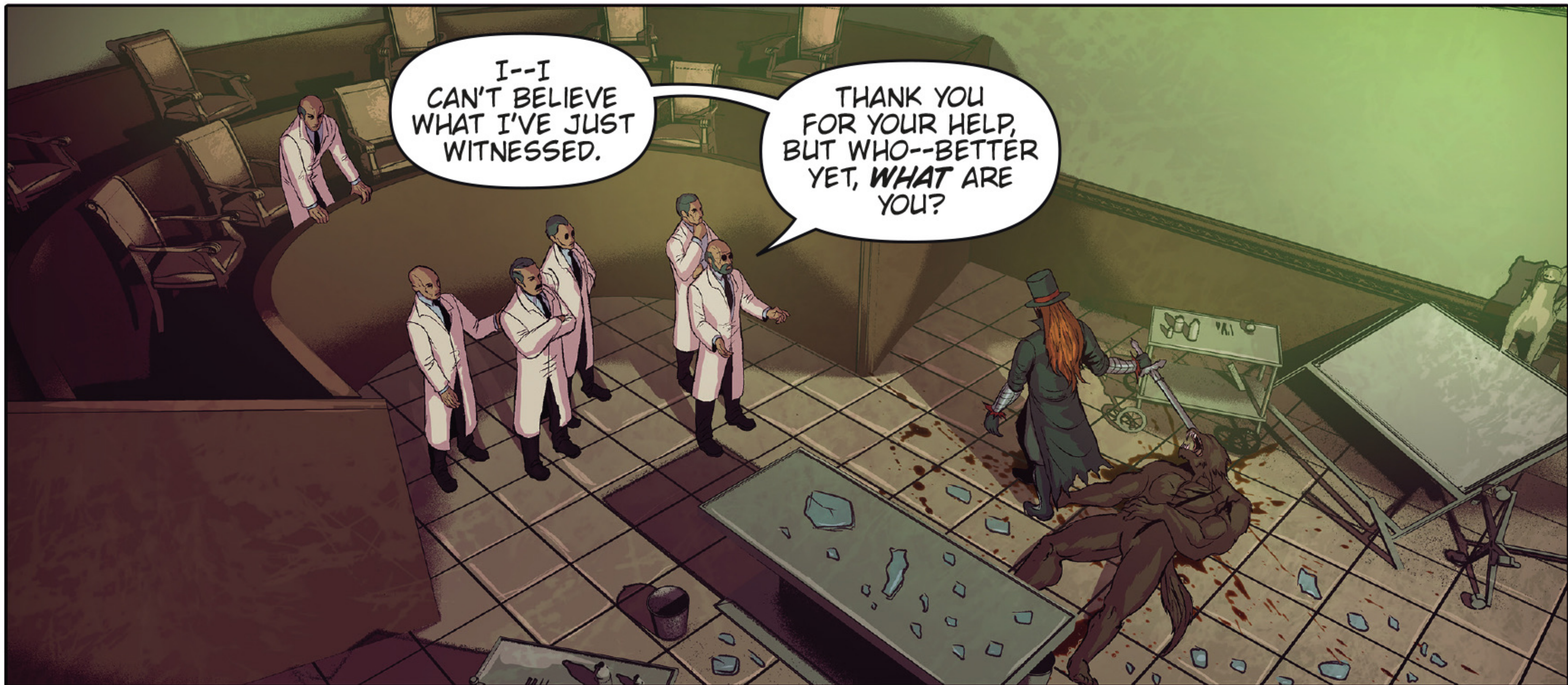










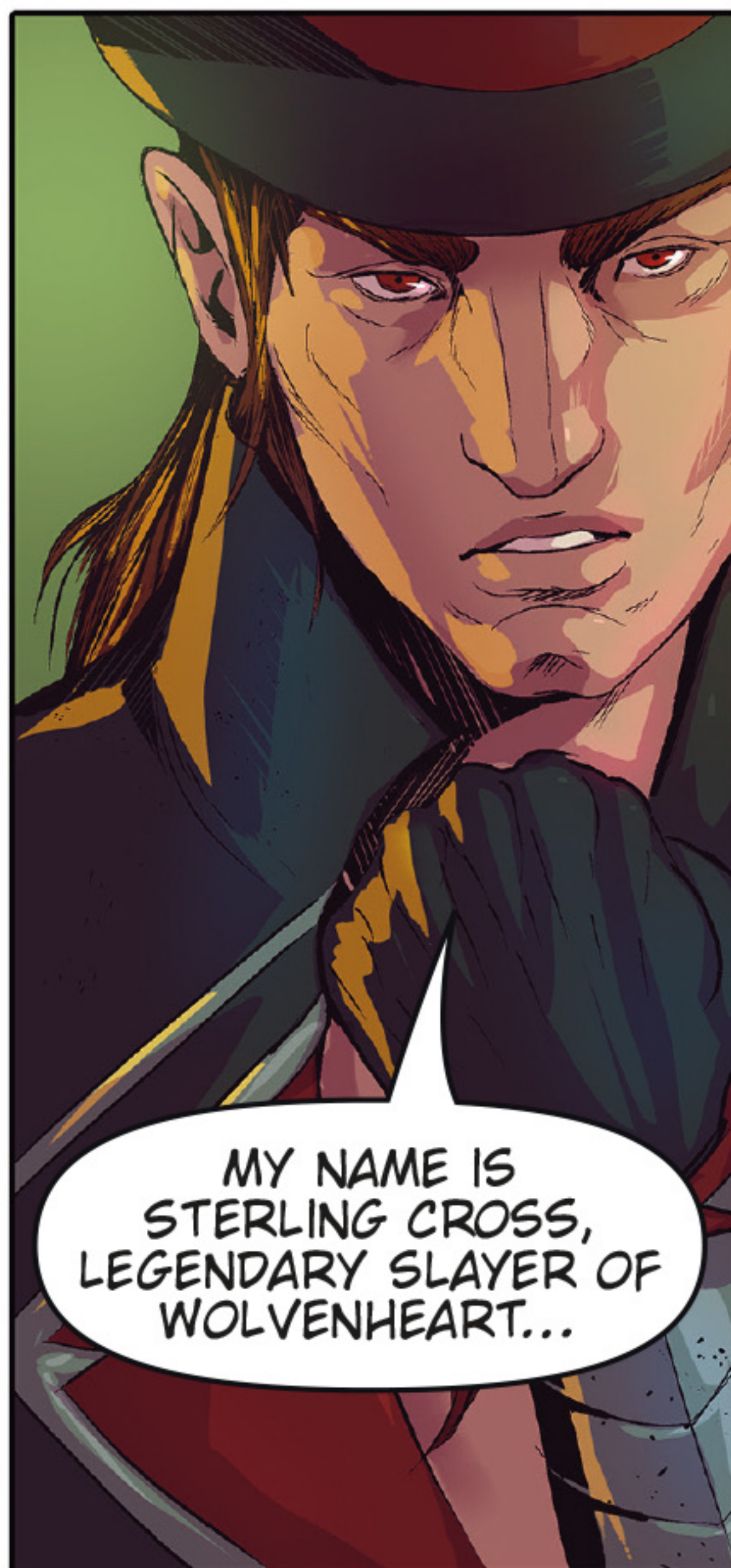


I--I
CAN'T BELIEVE
WHAT I'VE JUST
WITNESSED.

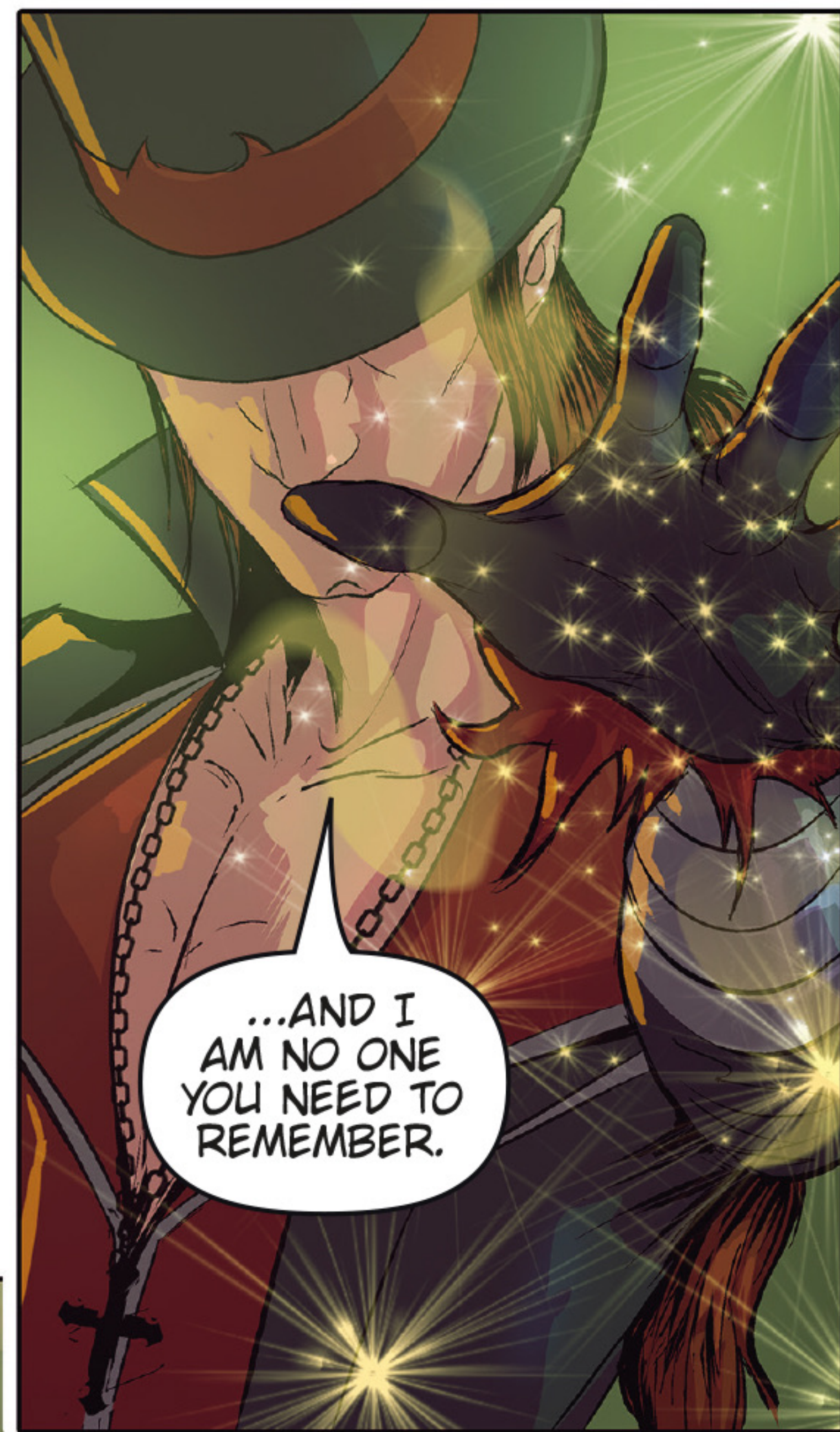
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR HELP,
BUT WHO--BETTER
YET, *WHAT* ARE
YOU?



THAT IS A
COMPLICATED
QUESTION, BUT
I'LL GIVE YOU
THE SHORT
ANSWER.



MY NAME IS
STERLING CROSS,
LEGENDARY SLAYER OF
WOLVENHEART...



...AND I
AM NO ONE
YOU NEED TO
REMEMBER.

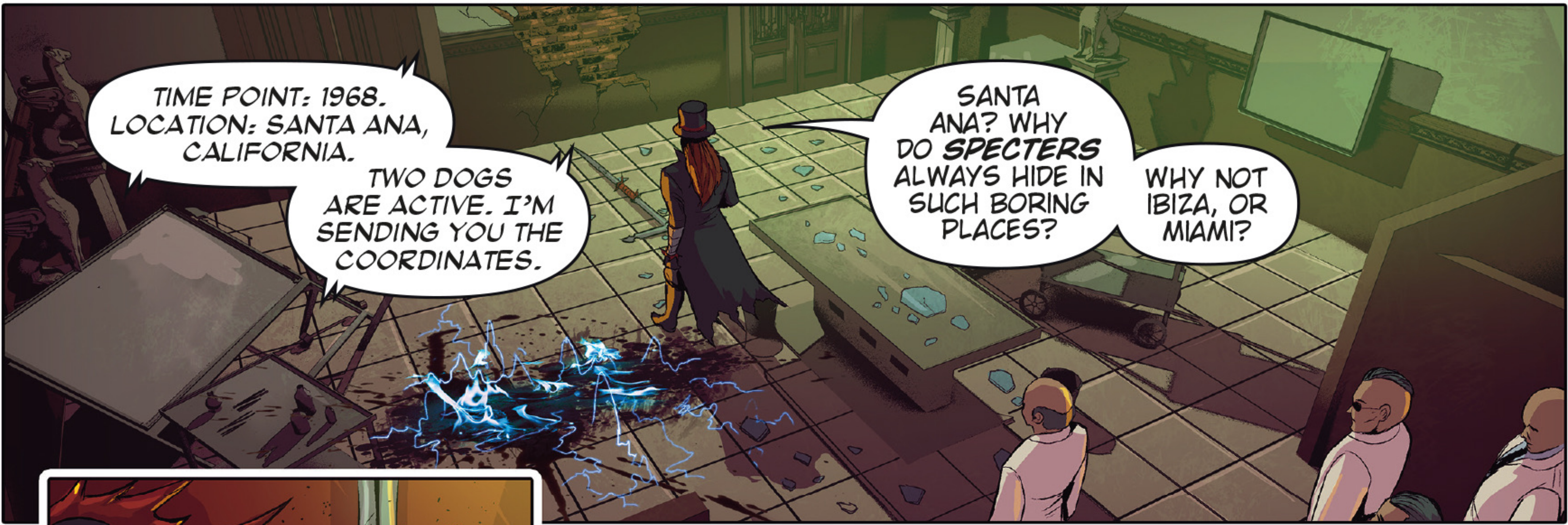


NO ONE
YOU NEED TO
REMEMBER.

NO ONE
YOU NEED TO
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NO ONE
YOU NEED TO
REMEMBER.

STERLING.
REPORT.





WOLVENHEART
HEADQUARTERS.

...HE GIVES YA
ANY GUFF, TELL
'IM **VAN HELSING**
WILL PERSONALLY
HUNT 'IM DOWN IF
HE DON'T.



REMEMBER
WHEN I MENTIONED
TRAVELERS HUNTING
DOWN MONSTERS?

WELL, I MEANT TIME TRAVELERS. AND I'M THE BEST ONE WOLVENHEART HAS EVER SEEN.

OUR PLACE IS AMONGST THE MOON AND THE STARS, IN THE VAST DARKNESS THAT STRETCHES ACROSS THE GALAXY.

TRAVELERS GUARD THE WORLD AND ITS TIMELINE AGAINST SPECTERS, CREATURES LIKE OUR WEREWOLF FRIEND BACK THERE, WHO WANT TO CROSS OVER FROM OTHER MOMENTS IN TIME OR EVEN OTHER DIMENSIONS...

...AND THE TIMELINE IS CHOCK-FULL OF THEM.

NEVER WAS THAT MADE MORE CLEAR THAN ON THE DAY OF THE GREAT CROSSING...

...WE'RE ALL STILL DEALING WITH THE AFTERMATH.

THOUGH WE DID WHAT WE COULD TO FIGHT OFF THE SPECTERS, MANY WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE AND HIDE.

TO THIS DAY, ANY NUMBER OF THEM LIE DORMANT, WAITING TO BE AWAKENED. BY WHO OR WHAT, WE DON'T KNOW.

SKTZZ

SKTZZ

SKTZZ

STERLING. WE NEED YOU TO COME BACK TO HEADQUARTERS.

WHAT? WHY? I'M ALMOST THERE.

IT'S THE BOSS. HE'S GOT SOMETHING TO SAY.

TELL HIM I'M BUSY AND THAT I'LL SEE HI--

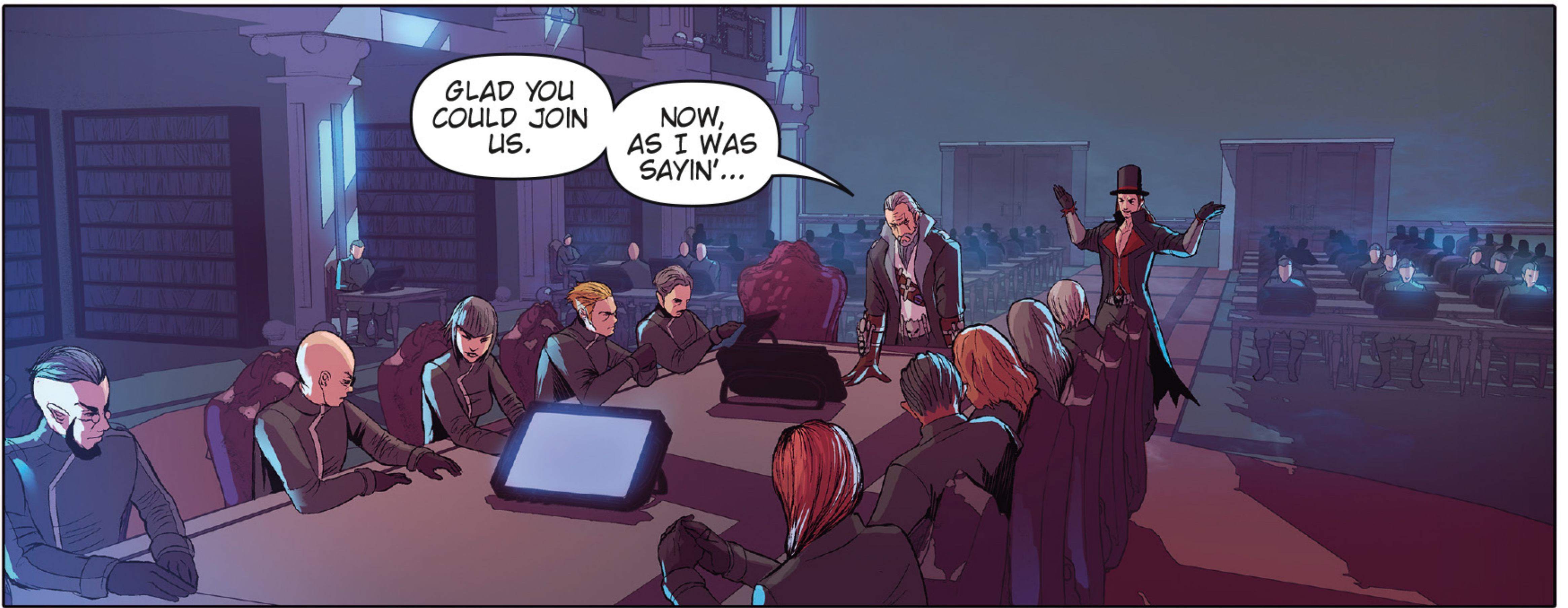
HE SAYS HE'LL PERSONALLY HUNT YOU DOWN IF YOU DON'T.

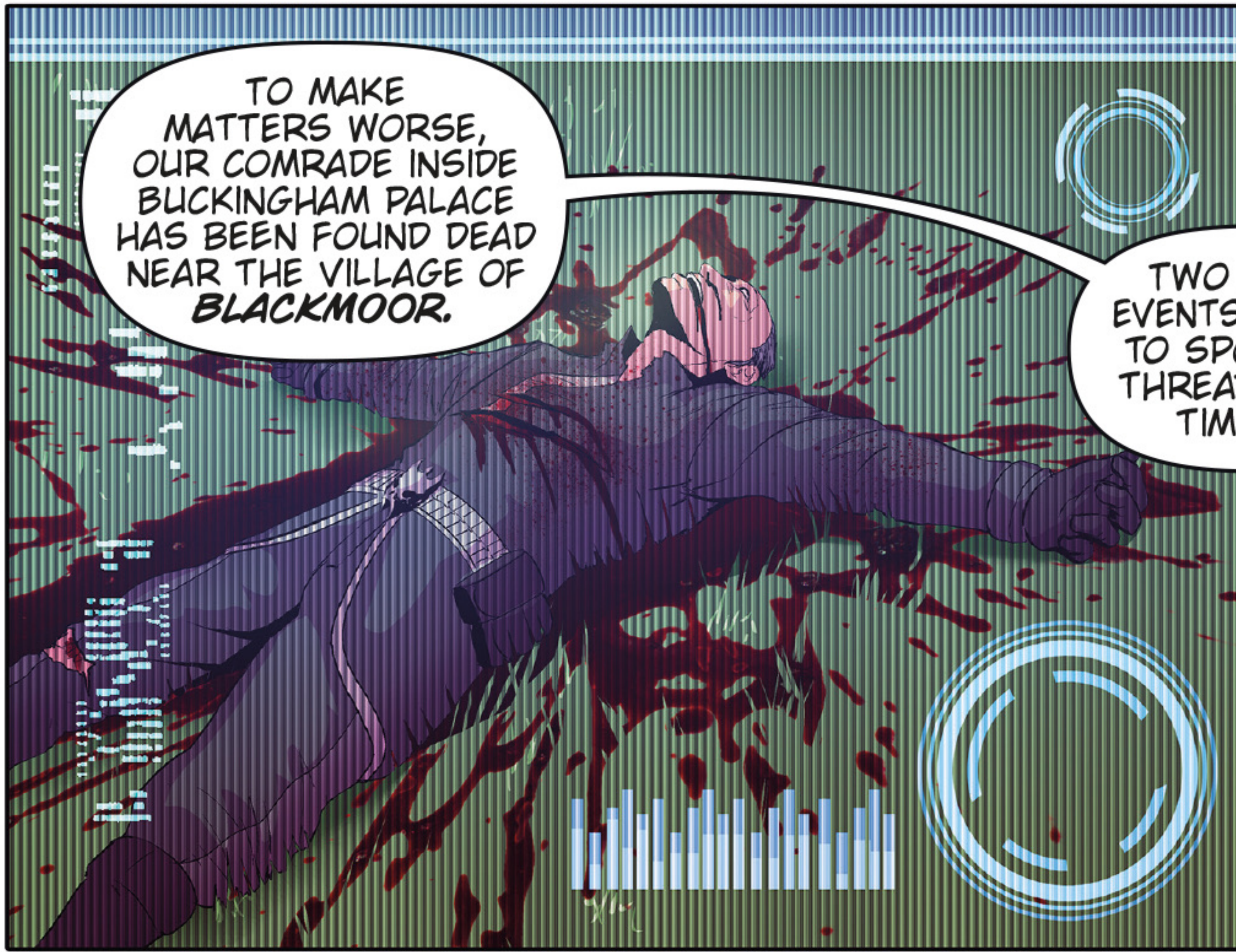
SHIT. HOW DOES HE EXPECT ME TO GET ANYTHING DONE...

STERLING...

FINE. FINE. I'M HEADING BACK NOW.







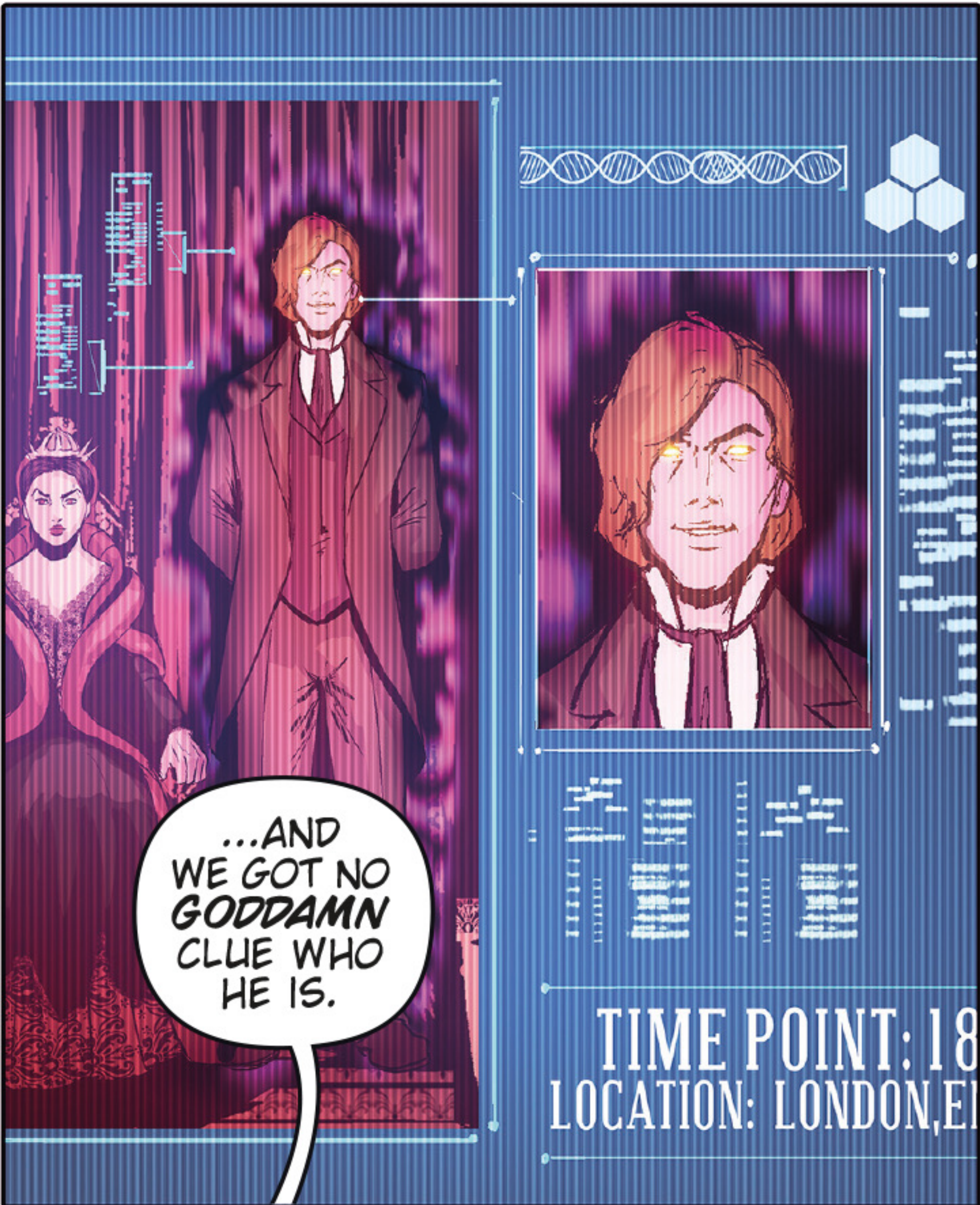
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, OUR COMRADE INSIDE BUCKINGHAM PALACE HAS BEEN FOUND DEAD NEAR THE VILLAGE OF **BLACKMOOR**.

TWO MAJOR EVENTS COLLIDIN' TO SPONSOR A THREAT TO THE TIMELINE.



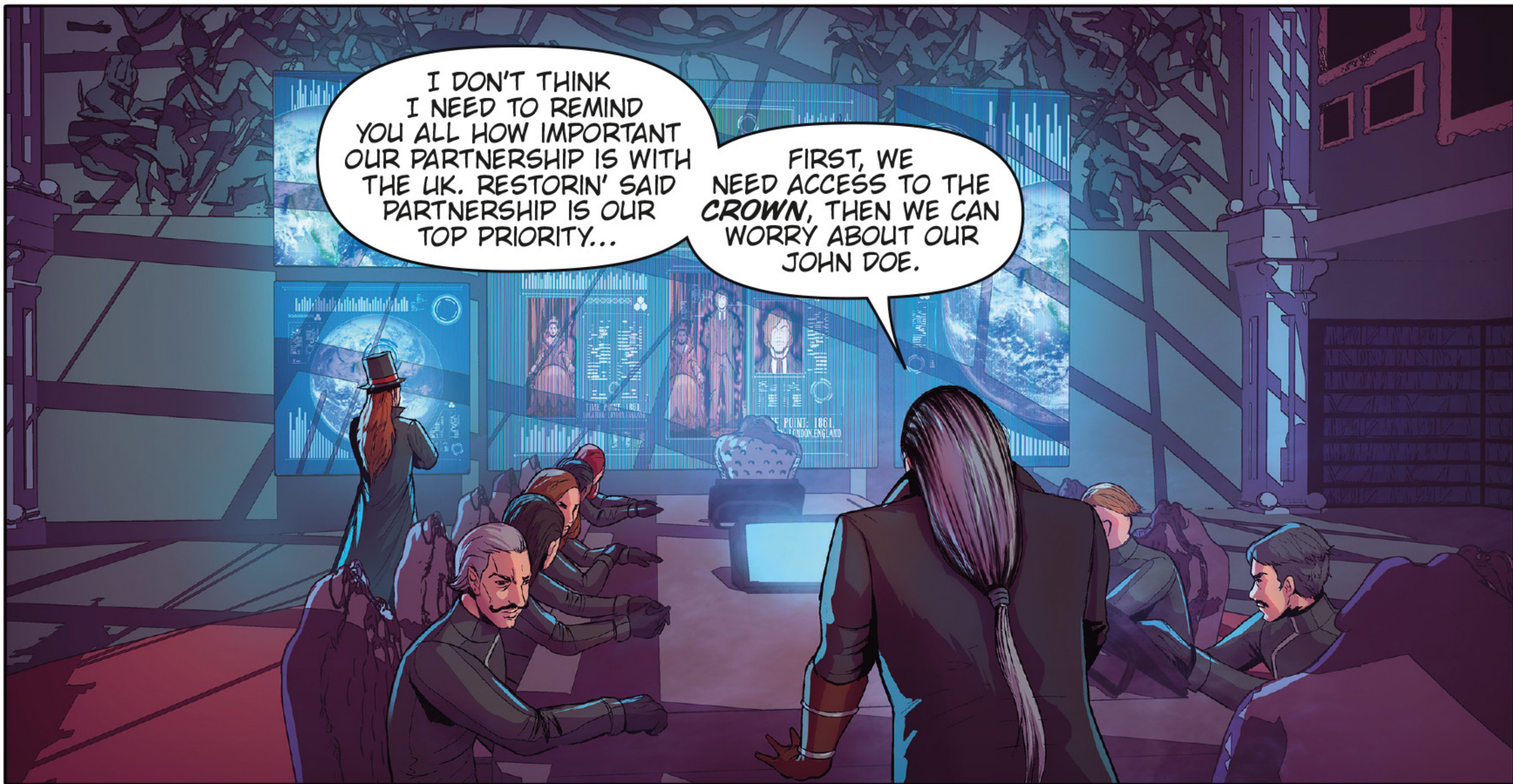
ALL WE KNOW IS THAT A CERTAIN MAN HAS NOT LEFT HER SIDE SINCE ALBERT'S DEATH.

COMPUTER. ZOOM IN.



...AND WE GOT NO **GODDAMN** CLUE WHO HE IS.

TIME POINT: 18
LOCATION: LONDON, EN



I DON'T THINK I NEED TO REMIND YOU ALL HOW IMPORTANT OUR PARTNERSHIP IS WITH THE UK. RESTORIN' SAID PARTNERSHIP IS OUR TOP PRIORITY...

FIRST, WE NEED ACCESS TO THE **CROWN**, THEN WE CAN WORRY ABOUT OUR JOHN DOE.



I'LL TRAVEL TO BLACKMOOR. **THEY** MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING.

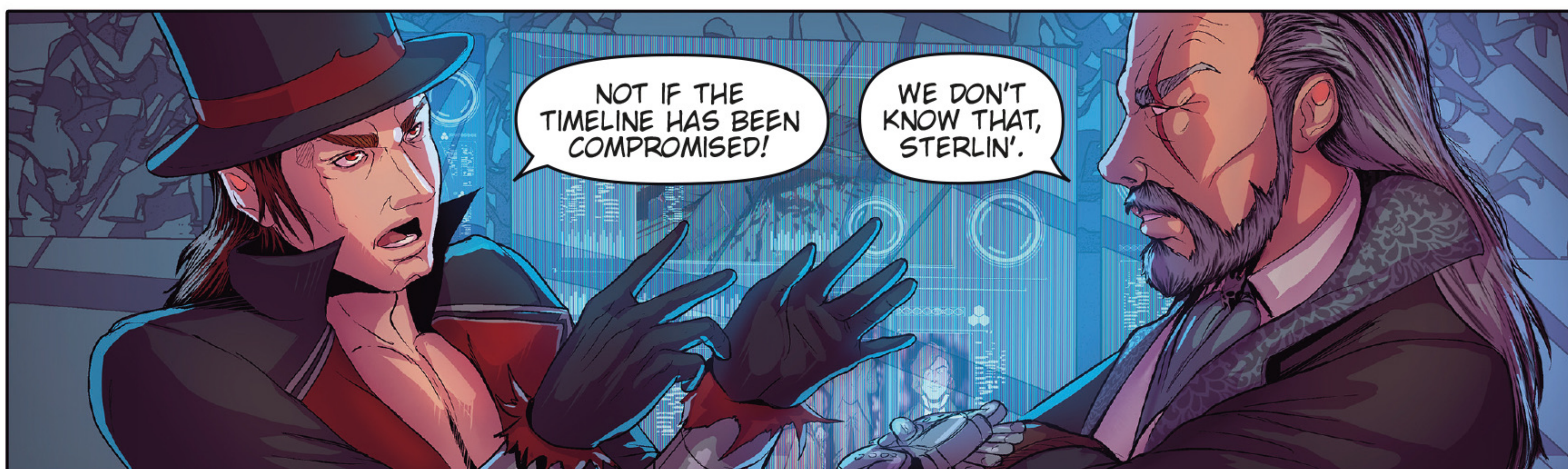
I NEED YOU **HERE**, BOY.



OUR COMRADE WAS FOUND DEAD JUST OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE. I NEED TO KNOW **THEY'RE** OKAY.



YOU NEED TO CHECK YOUR PRIORITIES, SON. THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.



NOT IF THE TIMELINE HAS BEEN COMPROMISED!

WE DON'T KNOW THAT, STERLIN'.



TRUST ME, SON...A QUEEN WEARIN' **BLACK** IS AN OMEN THAT NEEDS OUR FULL ATTENTION.

IF WE IGNORE IT, THE OUTCOME WOULD BE WORSE THAN IF ANY TIMELINE WAS COMPROMISED.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?



WHAT
I'M SAYIN' IS
THE **QUEEN IN
BLACK...**



**THE
QUEEN
IN BLACK**
IS COMING,
SLAYER...



...MAY BE A
MYTH...A LEGEND,
BUT WE NEED TO
BE CAUTIOUS.

YES, IT'S
BETTER IF WE
ALL STAY PUT,
STERLING.

STRENGTH
IN NUMBERS AND
WHAT NOT...



LISTEN, I KNOW WE'VE HAD OUR
DIFFERENCES, 'SPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES
TO YOUR FAMILY IN BLACKMOOR, BUT
I NEED **EVERYONE** ON THIS.

YEAH...
DIFFERENCES.



I'M GOING
TO BLACKMOOR
TO CHECK ON THE
PEOPLE IMPORTANT
TO ME.

I'LL LET YOU
KNOW IF I FIND
SOMETHING.

DON'T
YOU WALK
AWAY!

WE AIN'T
DONE HERE,
BOY!



YOU KNOW
I'D NEVER
LAY A FINGER
ON ANY OF MY
COMRADES...

BUT
CALL 'EM OFF
BEFORE THEY
GET HURT.

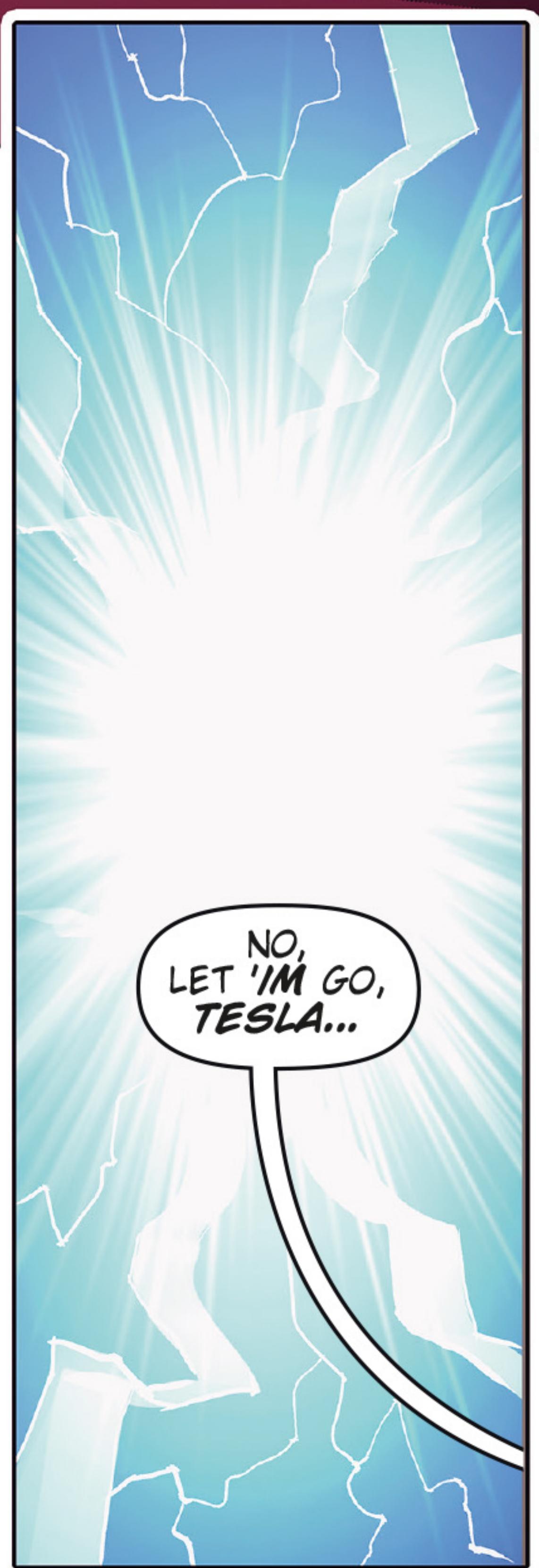


...LOWER YOUR
WEAPONS.

RIGHT...
IT WAS
GOOD SEEING YOU,
VAN HELSING.



BOSS.
I CAN
PERSUADE
HIM.



NO,
LET 'IM GO,
TESLA...



BLACKMOOR,
ENGLAND. 1861.

"...ROMANI
BLOOD RUNS HOT
IN THAT BOY."

YES. THAT
WAS THE
VAN HELSING.

SKTZZ

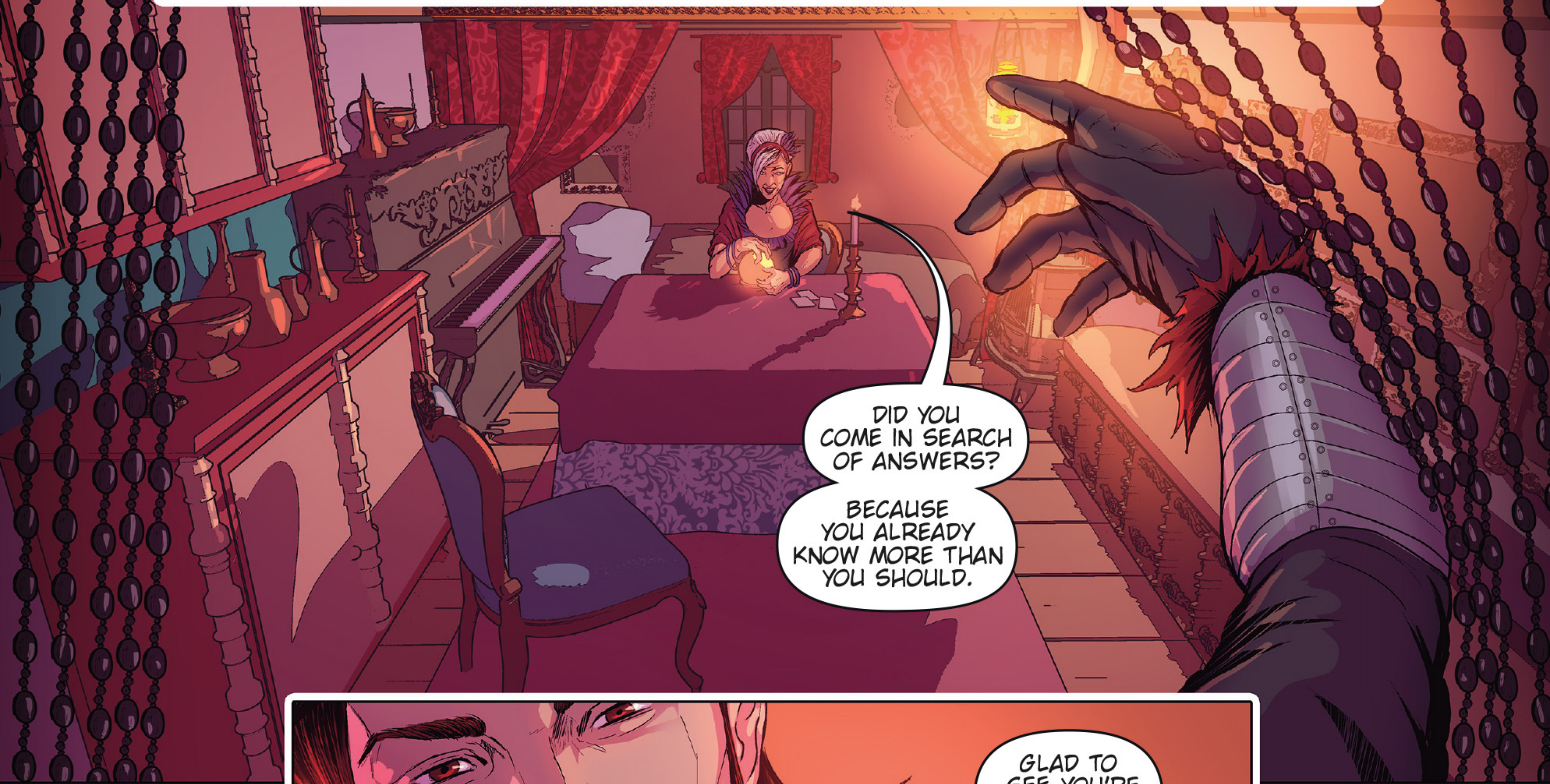


THE FIRST LEGENDARY
SLAYER AND FOUNDER
OF WOLVENHEART.

A BAD ASS COWBOY
WITH A TEMPER
SCORCHED BY THE
DESERT SUN...

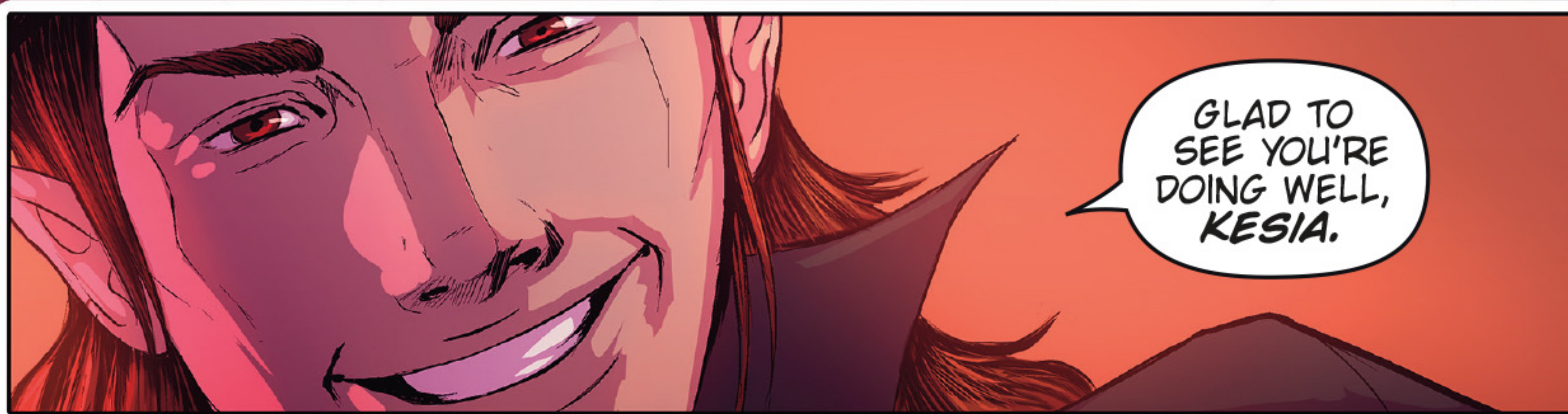


...AND HE
HATES WHEN I
DON'T LISTEN.

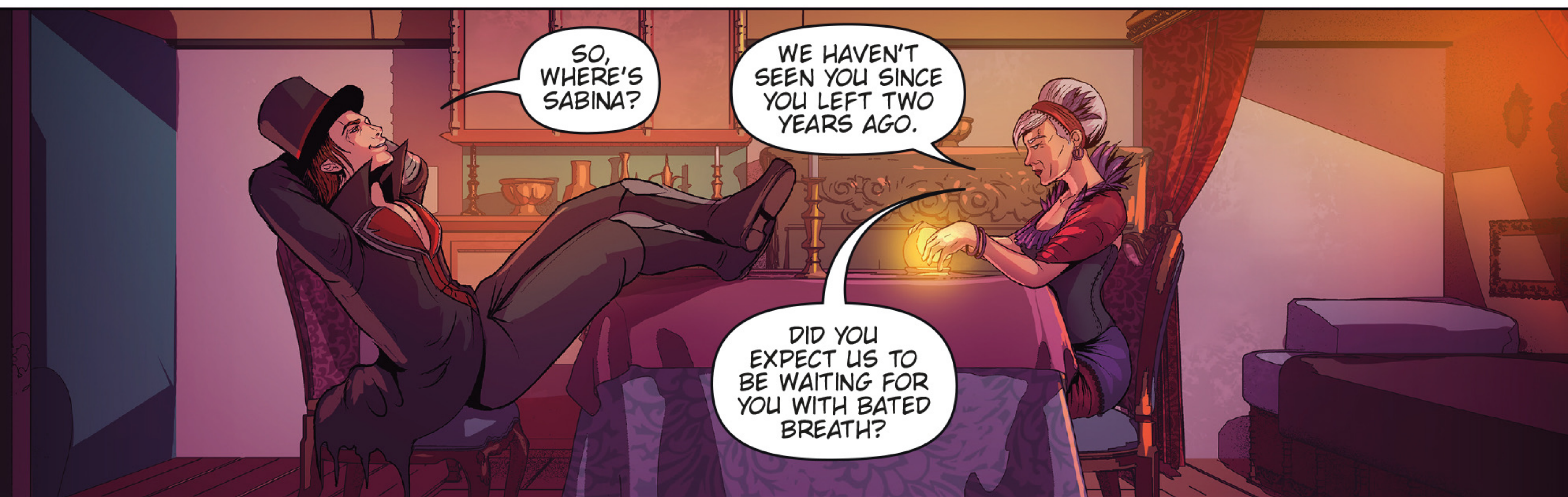


DID YOU
COME IN SEARCH
OF ANSWERS?

BECAUSE
YOU ALREADY
KNOW MORE THAN
YOU SHOULD.



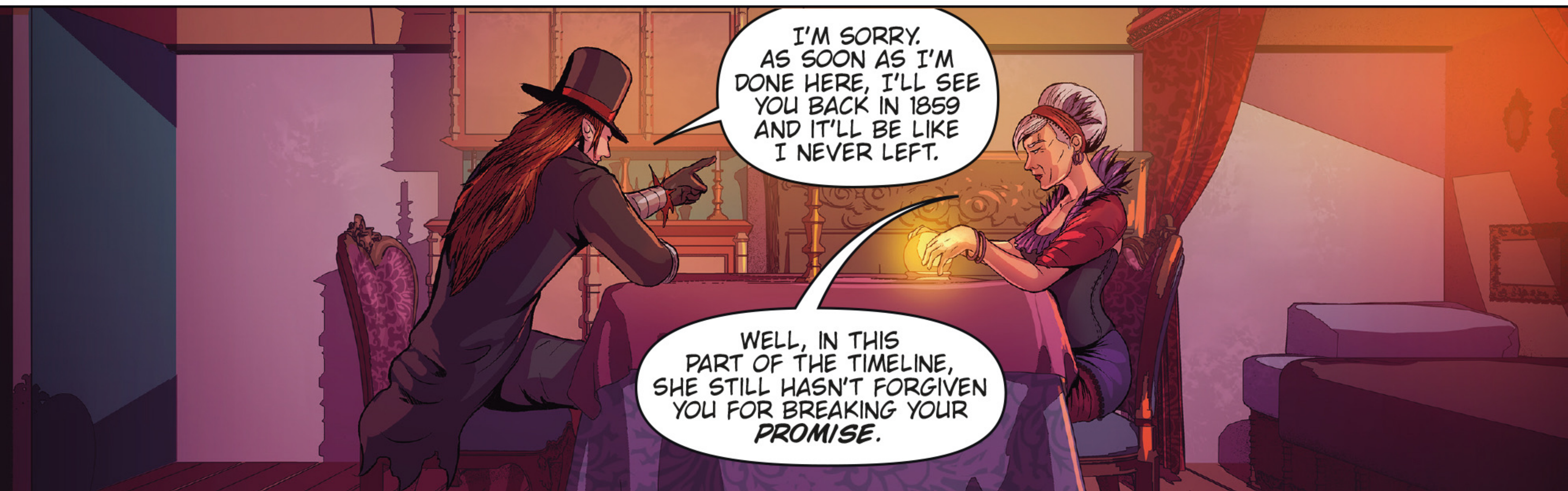
GLAD TO
SEE YOU'RE
DOING WELL,
KESIA.



SO,
WHERE'S
SABINA?

WE HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU SINCE
YOU LEFT TWO
YEARS AGO.

DID YOU
EXPECT US TO
BE WAITING FOR
YOU WITH BATED
BREATH?



I'M SORRY.
AS SOON AS I'M
DONE HERE, I'LL SEE
YOU BACK IN 1859
AND IT'LL BE LIKE
I NEVER LEFT.

WELL, IN THIS
PART OF THE TIMELINE,
SHE STILL HASN'T FORGIVEN
YOU FOR BREAKING YOUR
PROMISE.



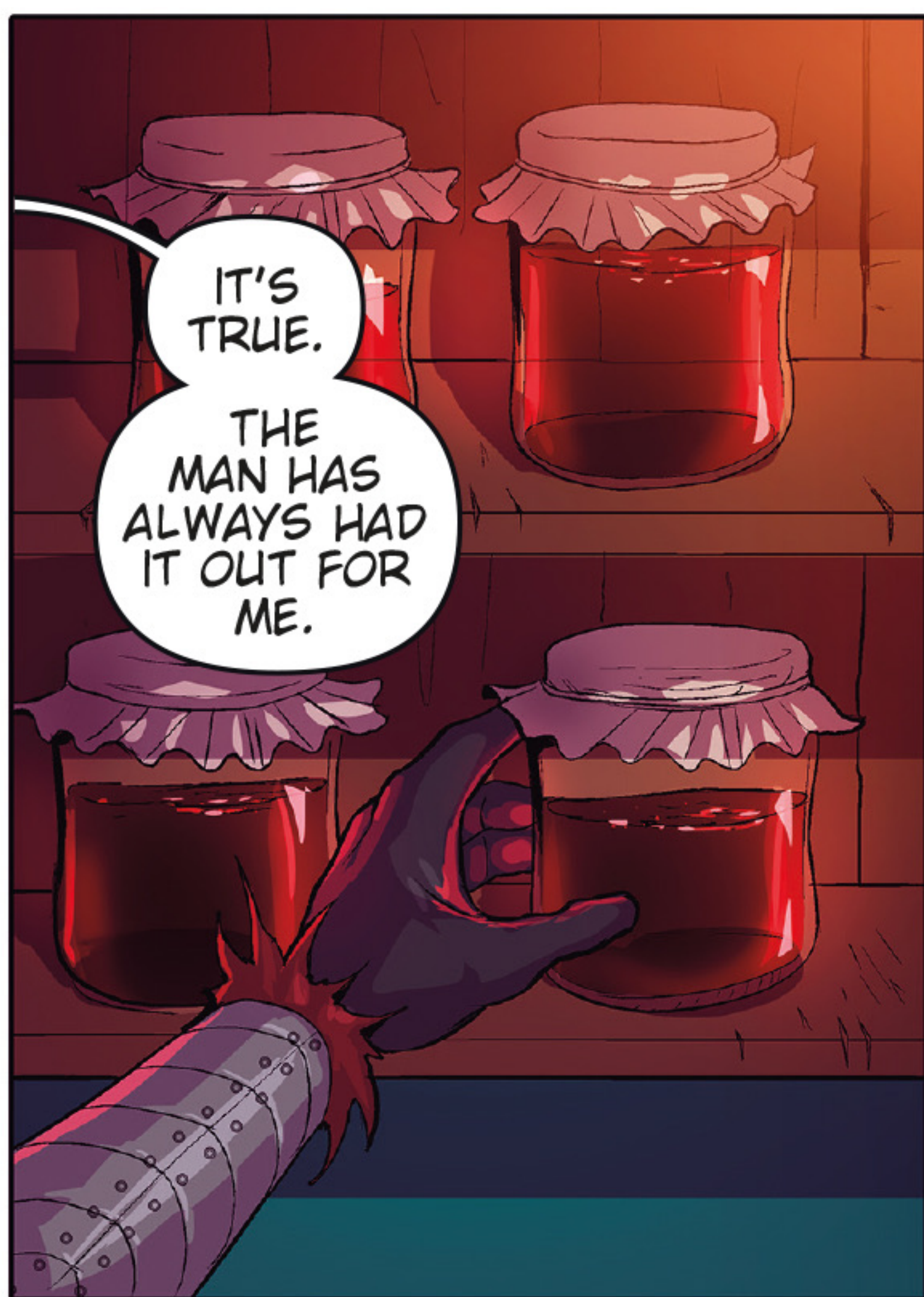
I'LL MAKE IT
UP TO HER...HEY, DO
YOU HAVE ANY--

TOP
SHELF,
ON THE
LEFT.



WHAT WOULD I
EVER DO WITHOUT
YOU, KESIA?

VAN HELSING
WOULD HAVE HAD YOU
BANISHED TO SOME
UNKNOWN CORNER OF
THE TIMELINE. MAYBE
WORSE...



IT'S
TRUE.

THE
MAN HAS
ALWAYS HAD
IT OUT FOR
ME.



HE TOOK ME AWAY
FROM THIS CAMP...
FROM YOU.

I'M
JUST A
TOOL TO
HIM!

NONSENSE.
THAT MAN IS TOUGH
ON YOU BECAUSE HE
CARES SO MUCH
FOR YOU...

MORE THAN
YOU KNOW.



~GLUG~
~GLUG~

HE
DOESN'T
CARE FOR
ME.

FOOLISH
CHAUV.

HAVE
YOU EVER
ASKED HIM *WHY*
HE TOOK YOU
AWAY FROM
US?



HMPH. YOU WANNA KNOW THE IRONY OF BEING A TRAVELER?

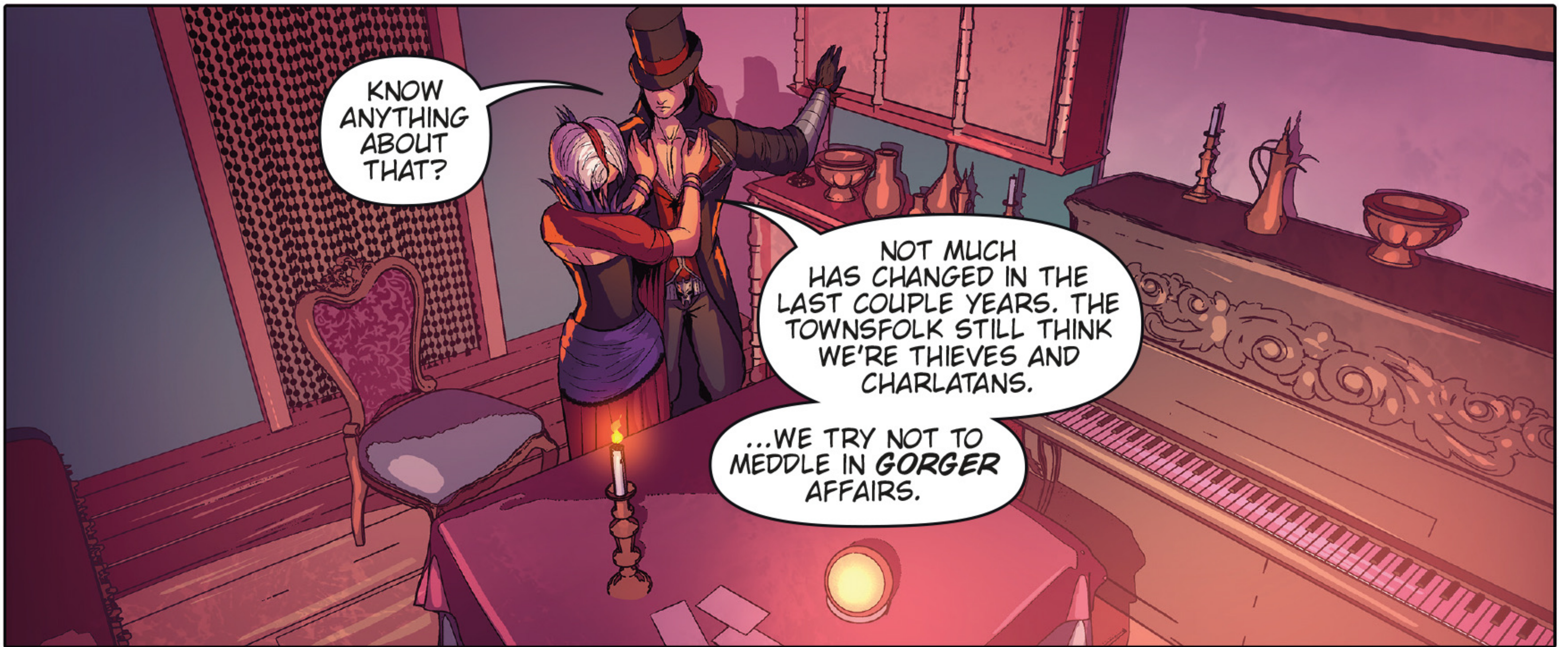
IT'S THAT, DESPITE HAVING THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE SPACE AND TIME, WE NEVER HAVE A MOMENT TO TALK...



WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET TO THE POINT? WHY DID YOU COME BACK HERE?

ALL RIGHT, THEN.

A WOLVENHEART OPERATIVE WAS FOUND **DEAD** NOT FAR FROM HERE.



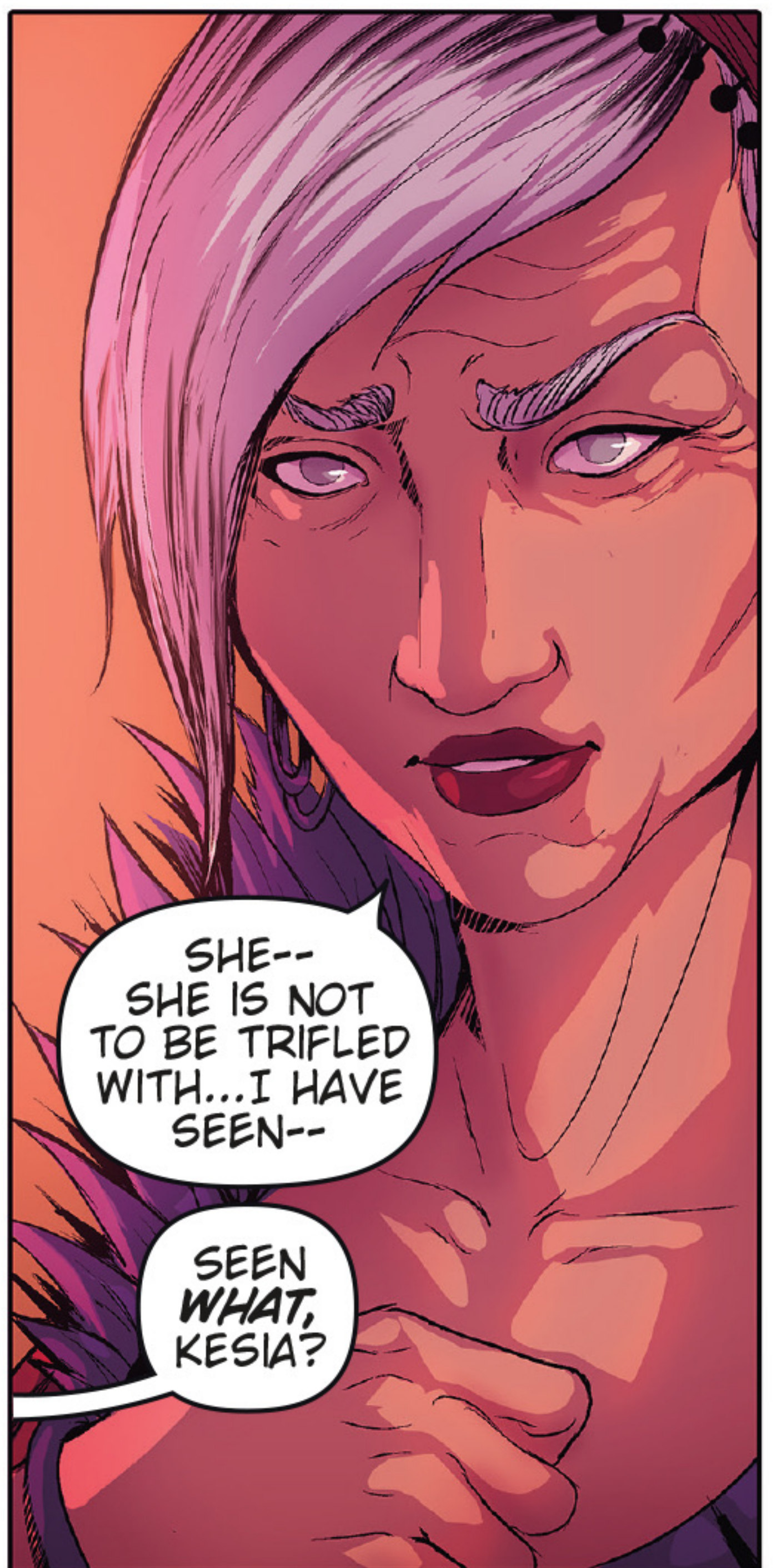
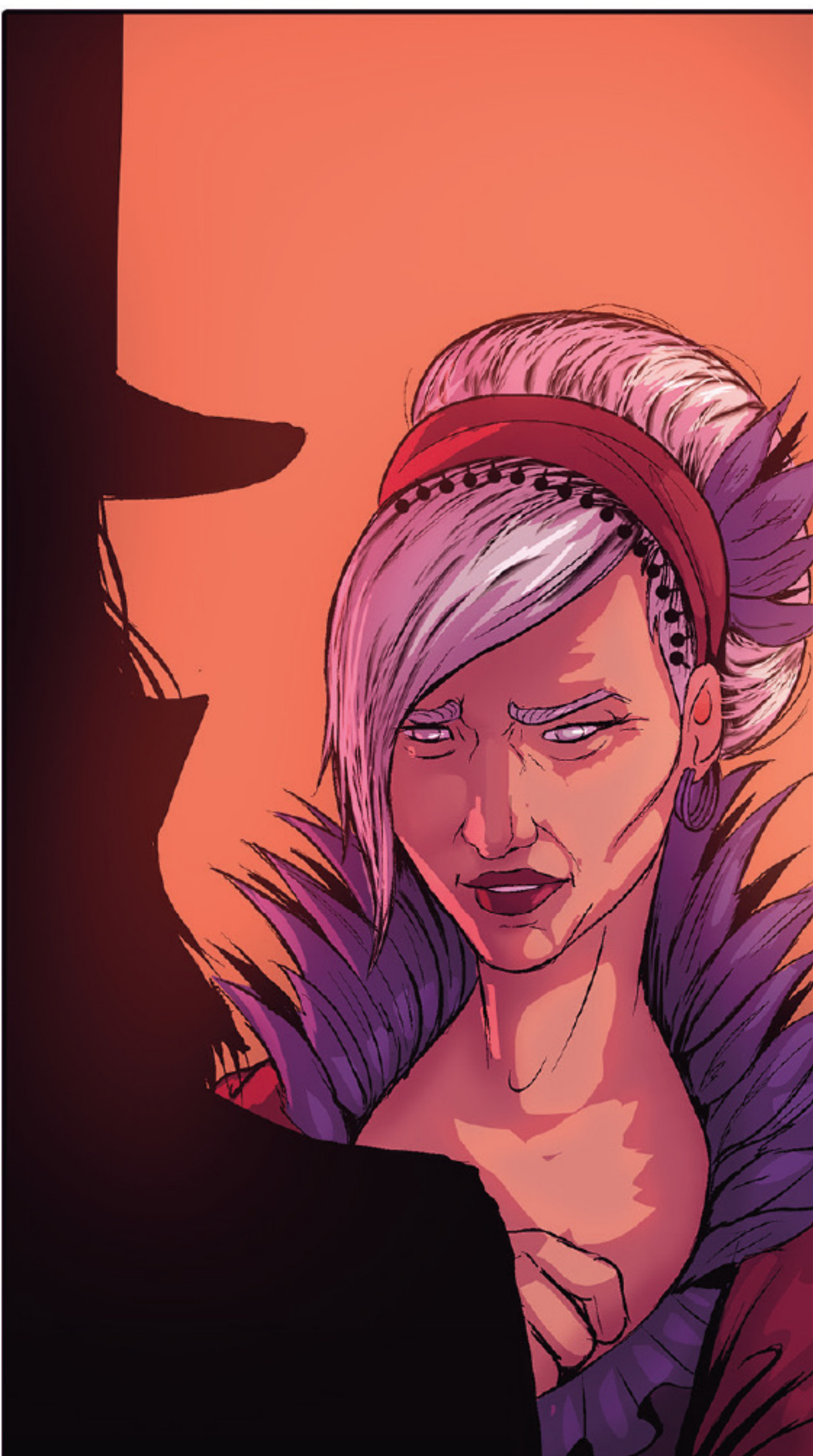
KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?

NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST COUPLE YEARS. THE TOWNSFOLK STILL THINK WE'RE THIEVES AND CHARLATANS.

...WE TRY NOT TO MEDDLE IN **GORGER** AFFAIRS.

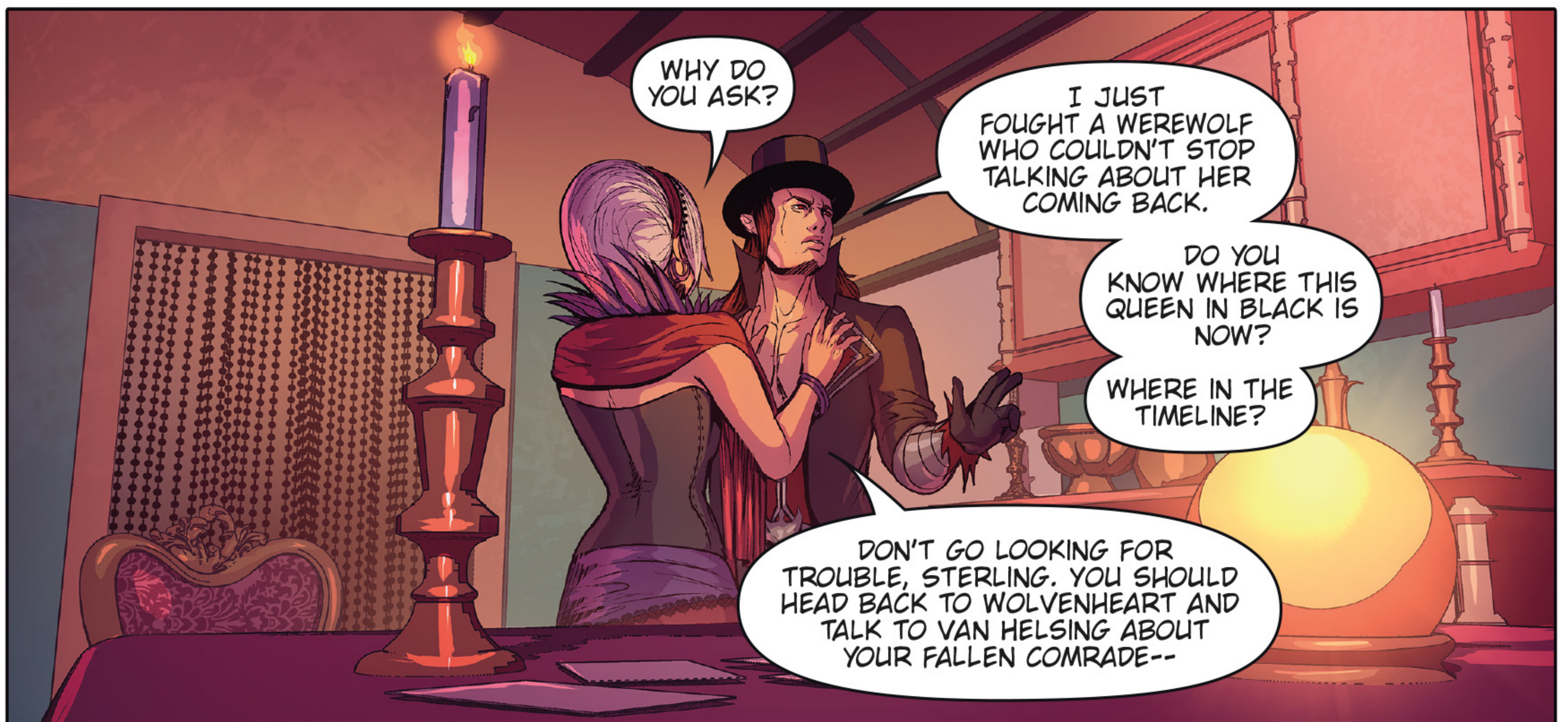


HMM. KESIA... DOES THE **QUEEN IN BLACK** MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?



SHE-- SHE IS NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH...I HAVE SEEN--

SEEN **WHAT**, KESIA?

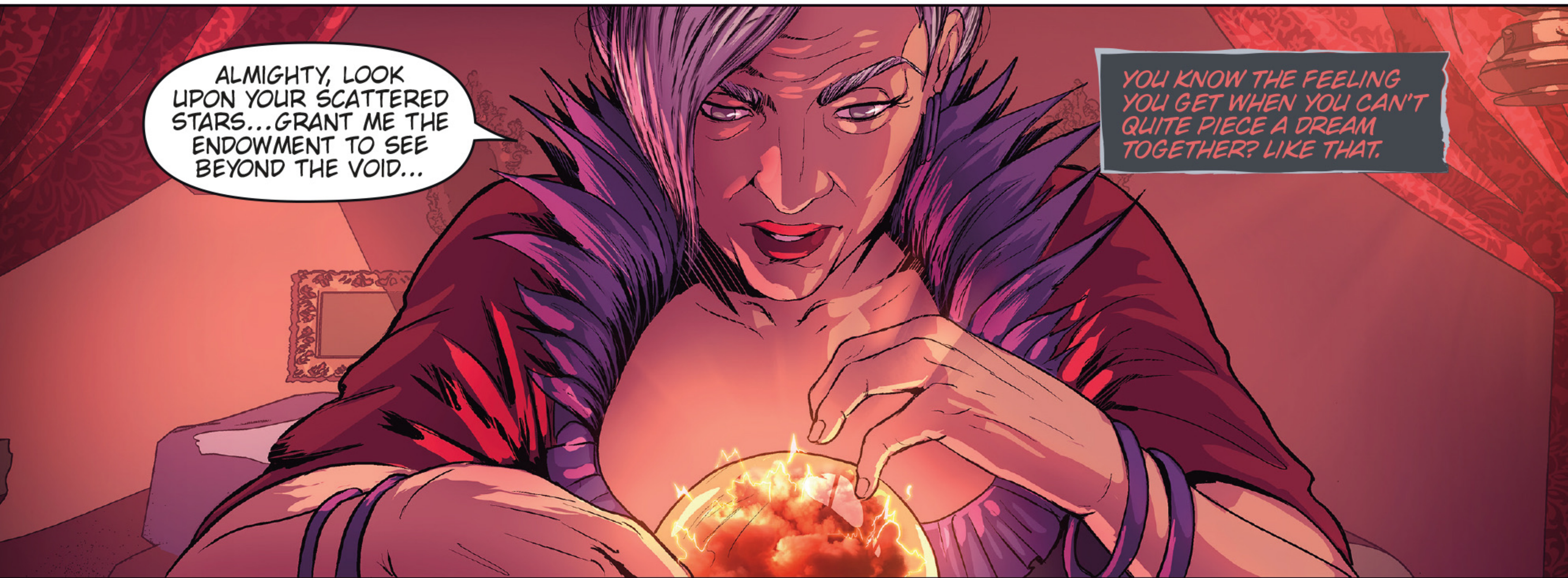




NOW, UP 'TIL THIS POINT, KESIA COULD ONLY CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE...

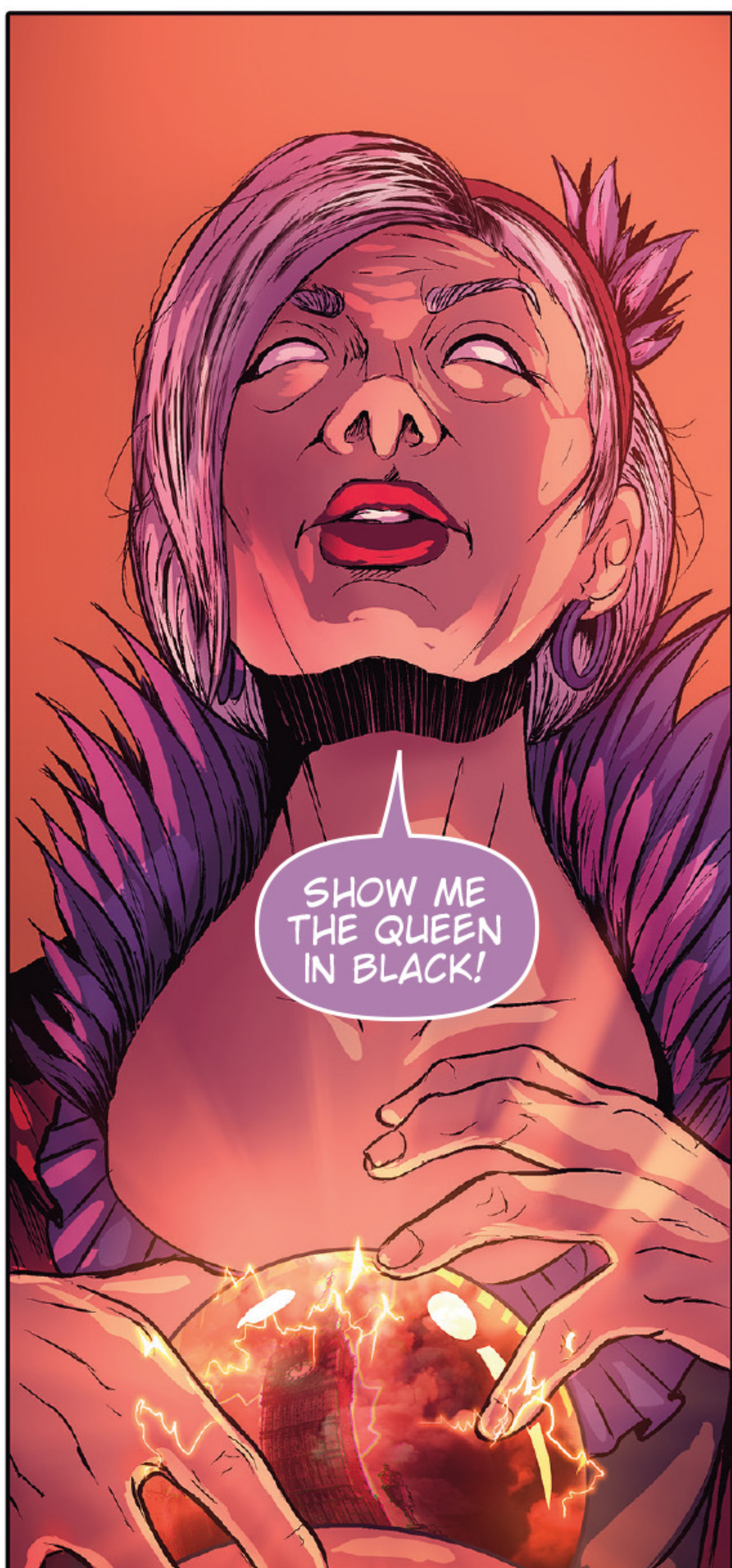
LET'S BEGIN, THEN.

...A FEELING FOR WHAT MAY BE.



ALMIGHTY, LOOK UPON YOUR SCATTERED STARS...GRANT ME THE ENDOWMENT TO SEE BEYOND THE VOID...

YOU KNOW THE FEELING YOU GET WHEN YOU CAN'T QUITE PIECE A DREAM TOGETHER? LIKE THAT.

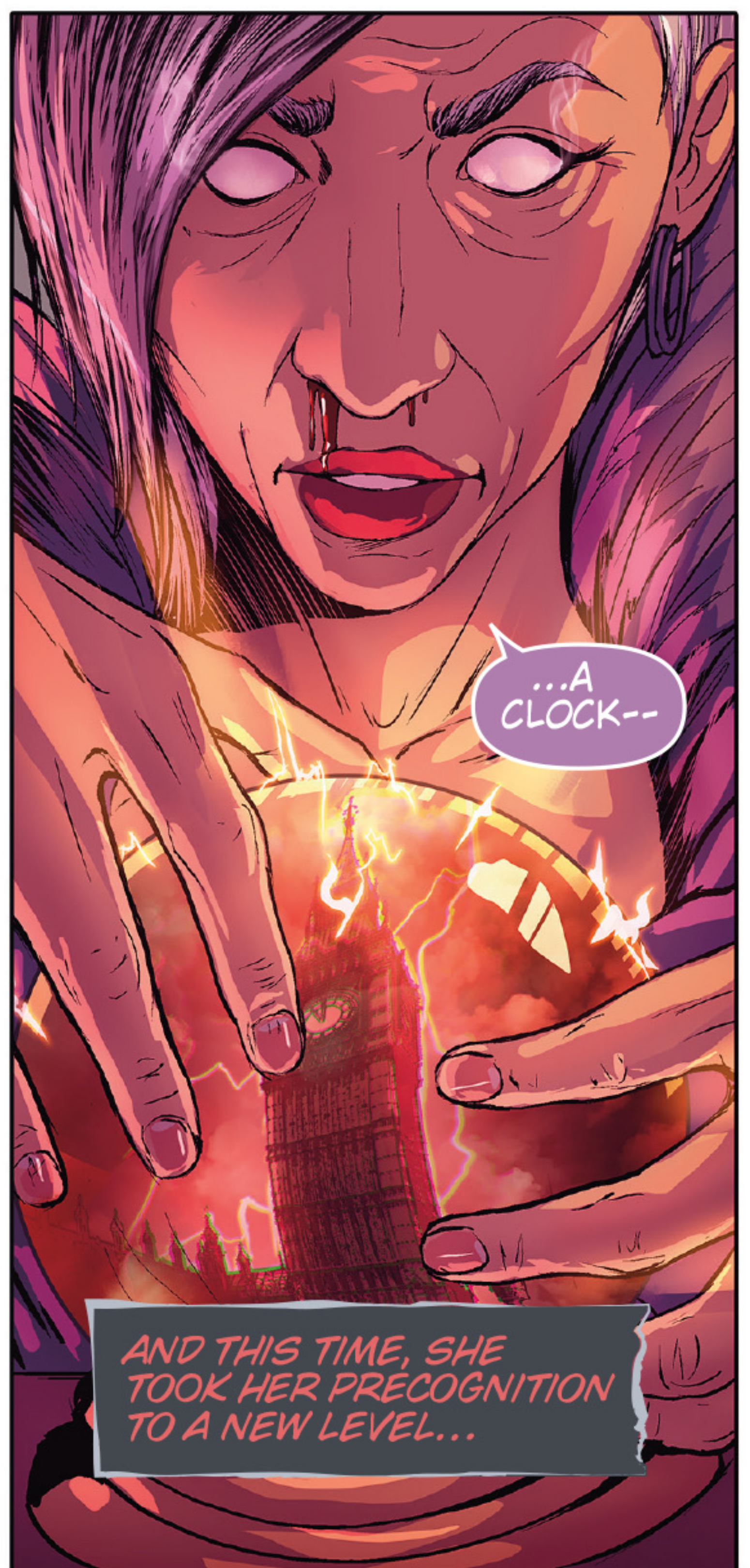


SHOW ME THE QUEEN IN BLACK!



"NGGH-- LONDON..."

BUT EACH TIME SHE STARES INTO THE VOID, SHE PAYS A TOLL.

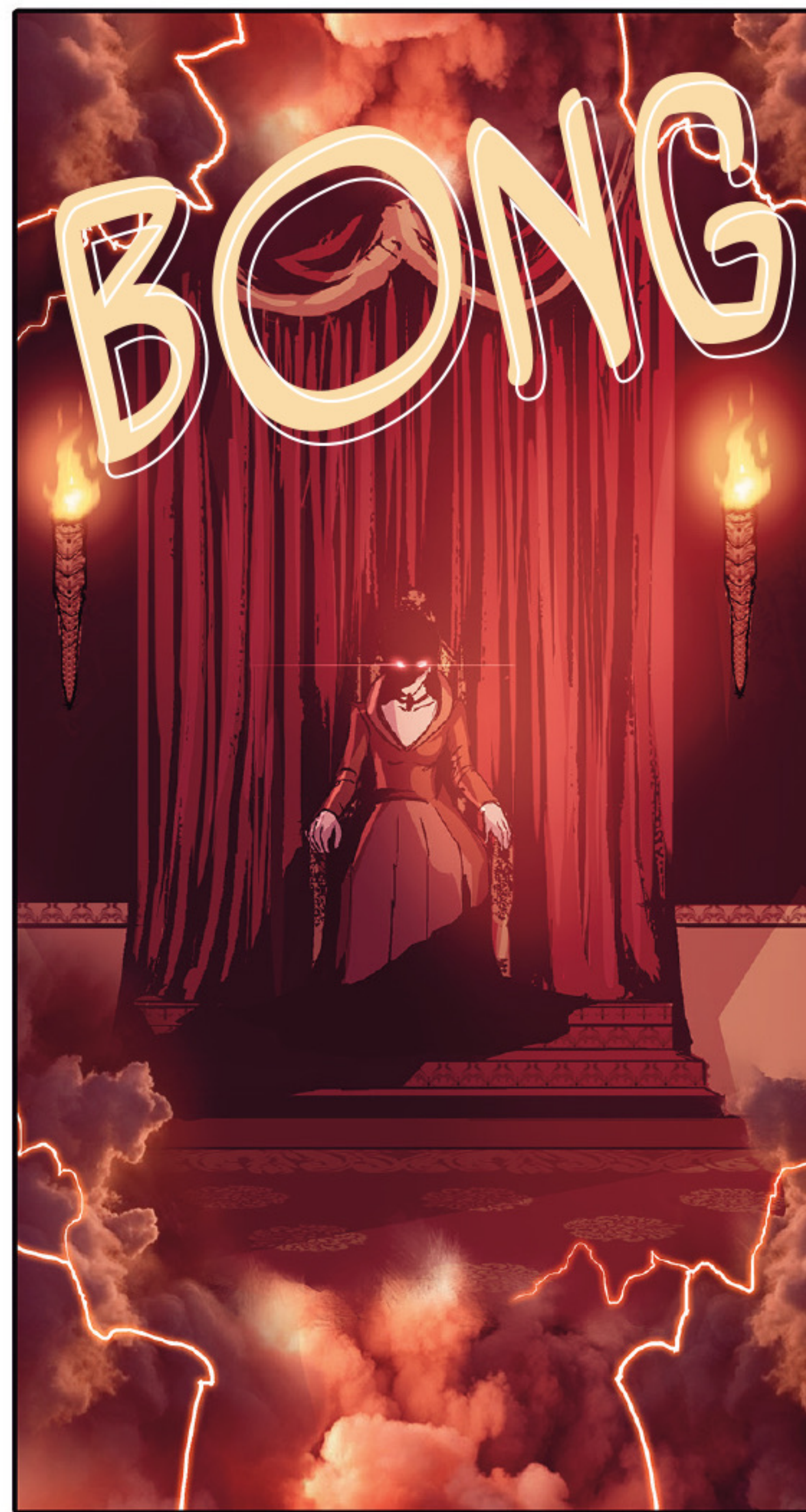


...A CLOCK--

AND THIS TIME, SHE TOOK HER PRECOGNITION TO A NEW LEVEL...



...KNOWING THE PRICE MIGHT BE TOO HIGH.



SHE DID IT ANYWAY.

SHE--SHE'S HERE. WE'RE TOO LATE.

IT'S OKAY. CALM DOWN. JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU SAW?

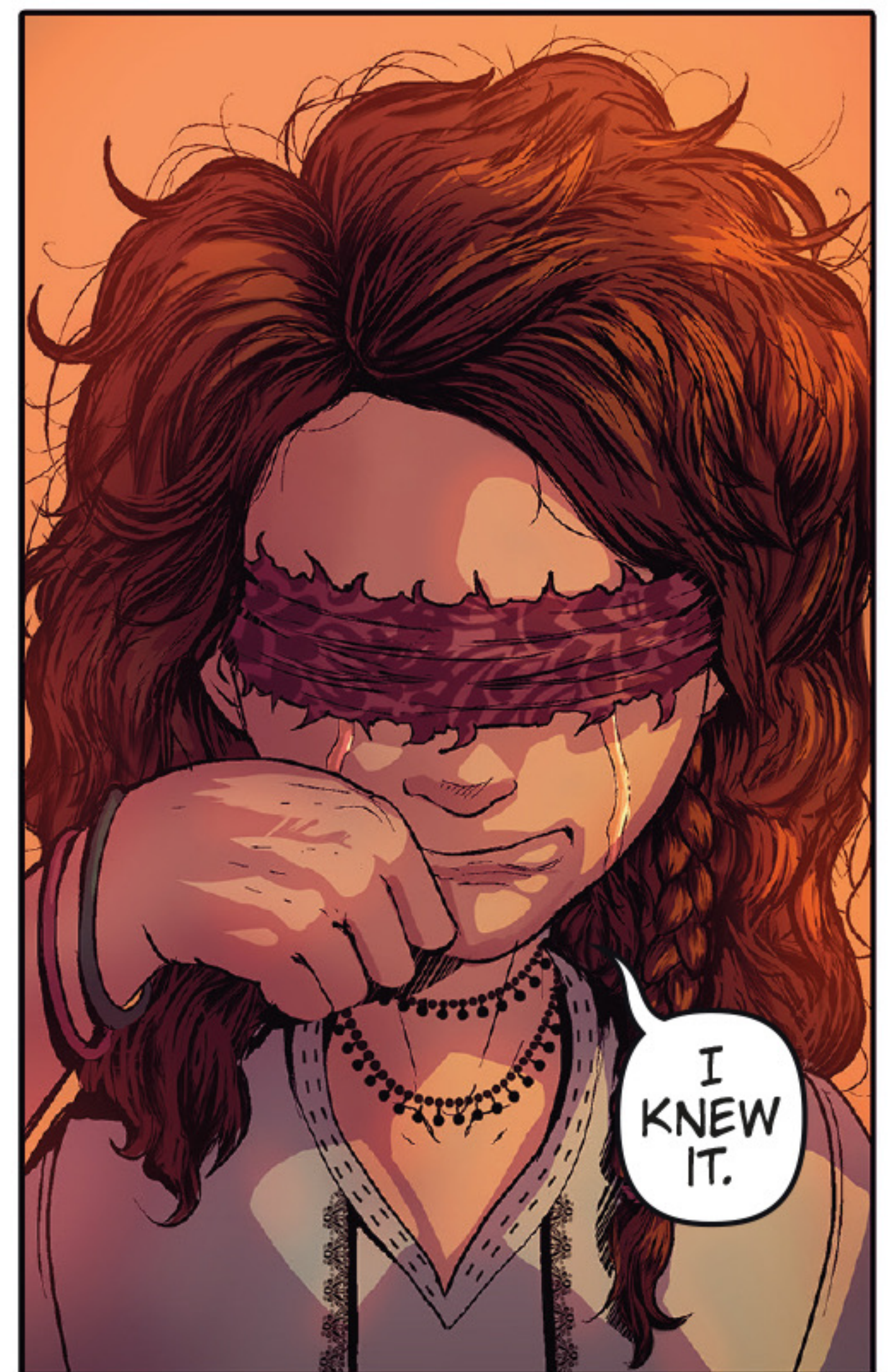


THE QUEEN IN BLACK... SHE'S WAITING FOR YOU.



REST NOW, KESIA... I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS AND BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

QUEEN... BLACK... BUCKINGHAM...



TWENTY FOUR
HOURS LATER...

...WAS THE
BEGINNING
OF THE END.

TO BE CONTINUED...



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WOLVENHEART™



IN STORES NOVEMBER 2019



HHEY, CAVE DWELLERS! Mark London here. First and foremost, thanks for picking up a copy of Wolvenheart. We very much appreciate it. As you might've guessed, things are only going to get much more intense from here on out and we hope you'll continue on this insane ride with us.

Wolvenheart is a story near and dear to my heart. It deals with monsters that both fascinated and scared the crap outta me when I was a kid. But this is not a horror story per se, it's a complicated adventure that deals with the supernatural, love, and family. To top it all off, we have the slayers themselves. Monster slayers are cool enough on their own, but when you throw time travel into the mix, they get even cooler!

Now, if you've made it this far and still want to jump on the crazy train, we want to hear from you. We want to build a letters section, a safe place to vocalize and project your inner monster. Send your letters to [*wolvenheart@madcavestudios.com*](mailto:wolvenheart@madcavestudios.com)

Thank you again for your support. We will never take that for granted. Hope to hear from you soon,

MARK LONDON

(On behalf of Alejandro, Miguel, Gio, Chris, Brian and myself)

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P.S. If you have an idea for the title of the letters page, send it our way—the winner will get something special from the Cave.



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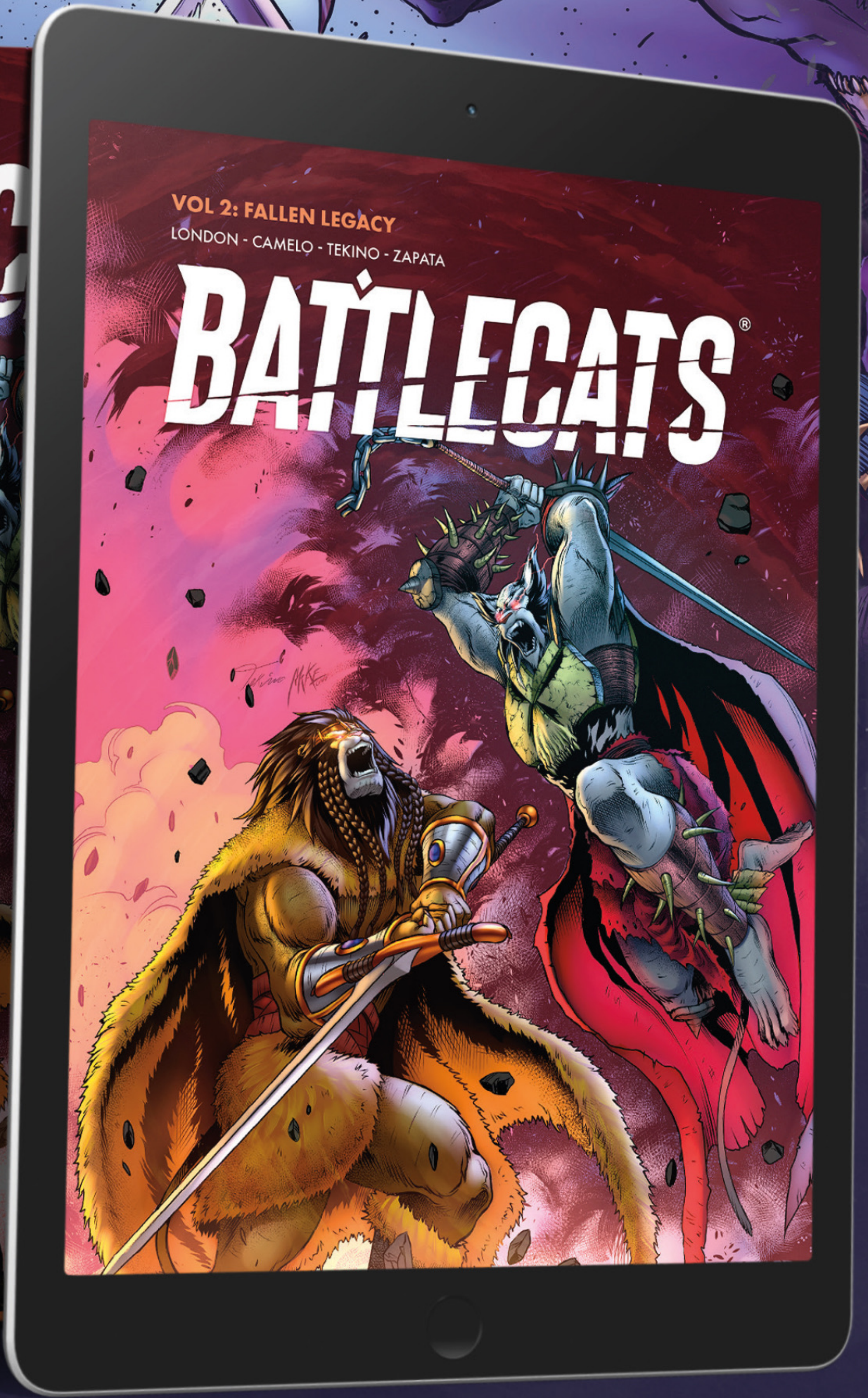
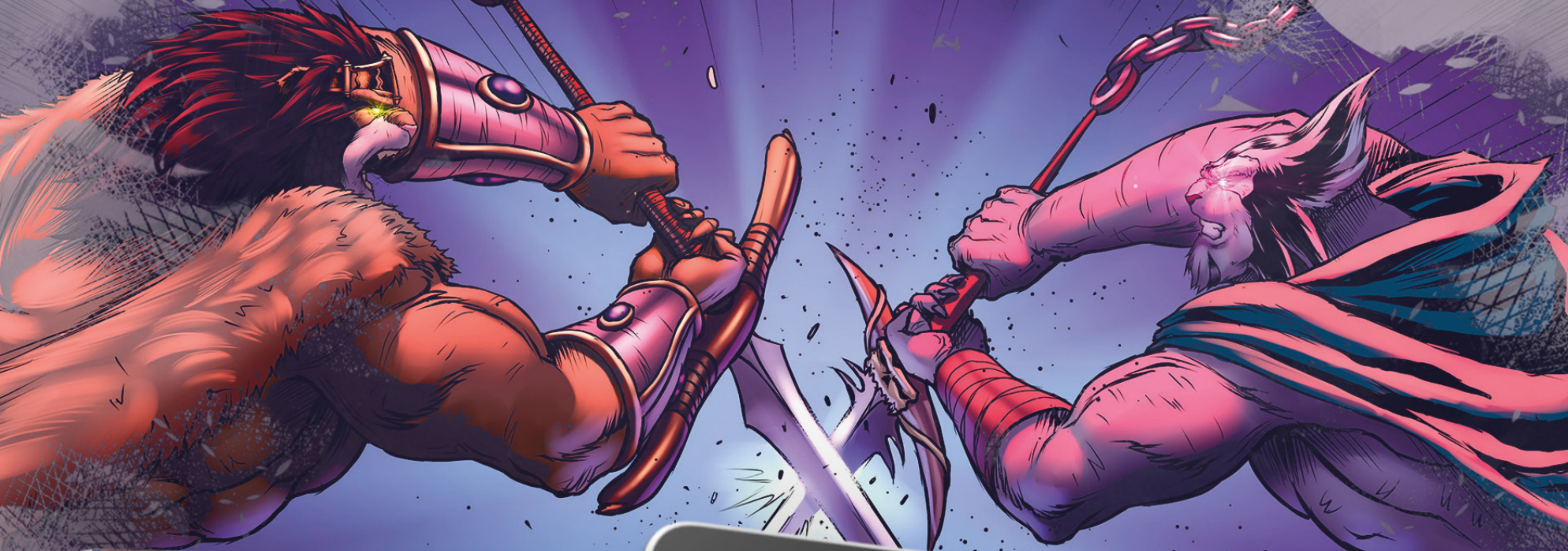
*She must
paint the town red
in order to finish her
masterpiece*

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